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# DOUBLE STABBING IN TOWN CENTRE

## Police appeal for information after two men suffer 'serious' injuries in early hours assault

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**POLICE are appealing for information after two men suffered "serious" stab wounds following an incident in Ormskirk town centre in the early hours of last Saturday, morning, April 28.**

The incident is believed to have occurred near to the Horse Shoe Inn on Southport Road shortly before 2.45am.

Officers were called to the scene after reports of an assault outside the pub and as a result of their investigations both Southport Road and nearby Green Lane were closed to traffic until early afternoon.

Both men are described as being in a "serious but stable" condition and at the time of writing no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

The injured men are understood to have been taken initially to the children's accident and emergency department at Ormskirk Hospital.

A spokesperson for North West Ambulance said that there was no record of the men being treated at the roadside but that a crew took them from Ormskirk Hospital to Aintree Hospital at 2.53am.

A statement issued by Lancashire Police read: "We were called at 2.45am on Saturday, April 28 to reports of an assault outside the Horse Shoe Inn on Southport Road, Ormskirk.

"Two men - one in his 20s and the other in his 30s - were taken to be treated for stab wounds. Their conditions are described as serious but stable.

The area where the assault is believed to have taken place

"Investigations are ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call Ormskirk CID on 01695 566112 or failing that, 101, quoting log number 169 of April 28."

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "I have spoken to the police and will be meeting with them to discuss this serious incident in Ormskirk which sadly seems to reflect the increasing level of knife crime in the country.

"I would want the meeting to cover how the police plan to reduce the levels of knife crime in West Lancashire and the measures they are taking to assure the public of their safety."

Happier times... Gary Ennis with wife Karen

## Parkrun dedicated to 'top bloke' Gary

**ORGANISERS of the Ormskirk parkrun dedicated last week's event to the memory of a popular Burcough man who has died following a bicycle accident.**

**Gary Ennis, who had been training for this year's UK Ironman triathlon challenge, suffered serious injury after crashing his bike on High Moor Lane, Wrightington, on Sunday April 8.**

**Following the accident the 42-year-old was taken by air ambulance to Royal Preston Hospital but sadly died on Saturday, April 21.**

**Following the announcement of Gary's death by his wife Karen, who was featured in the Champion last year when she swam the English Channel to raise money for Alder Hey children's hospital, tributes and condolences were posted on social media.**

**It was also decided to dedicate the weekly 5km parkrun in Gary's memory and the event saw the second highest number of runners recorded in its four-year history.**

**A tribute from the family read: "The Ennis family has been devastated by this tragic cycling accident. Gary put his heart and soul into his Ironman training and would have been a fine competitor at the event later in the year. We have lost the most kind and generous husband, son and brother who always found time for everyone. He was the perfect gentleman and friend to all he met. Our lives will never be the same without his smile."**

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The Edge Hill University rugby team and the Old Boys team pictured at an earlier match in memory of Paul Reid

# University rugby teams stage fundraising matches in memory of former coach

**PAST and present rugby teams from Edge Hill University will play special matches in memory of a former and much-loved coach and to raise money for mental health charity, Mind Lancashire.**

Matches will take place between both the present and old boys teams and the present and old girls teams, in honour of Paul Reid who passed away in March 2015.

Paul, from Newburgh, who was senior lecturer in professional development at the university, as well as rugby coach, was 48 years old when he died, following a struggle with mental health issues.

Organisers say they hope to raise £1,000 from the matches and a raffle.

All friends of the university rugby club, past and present, and family and friends of Paul are invited to the events.

These will commence at noon with a 15-minute memorial service at the Paul Reid Memorial Bench, located behind the rugby pitch and overlooking the sports facilities.

That will be followed at 1pm by Edge Hill University Women's Rugby Union vs Old Girls, then at 3pm by Edge Hill Beavers vs Old Boys.

Winners will be presented with their trophies at 5pm at the Edge Hill Students' Union, when the raffle winners will also be announced.

Raffle tickets are available through both the men's and women's Edge Hill University rugby union Facebook pages, or from any of the players.

Prizes include a one-night stay in the Lake District for two people, a signed Salford Red Devils Rugby League club rugby ball and a British and Irish Lions jersey signed by former tourist, John Bentley, as well as drinks and meals.

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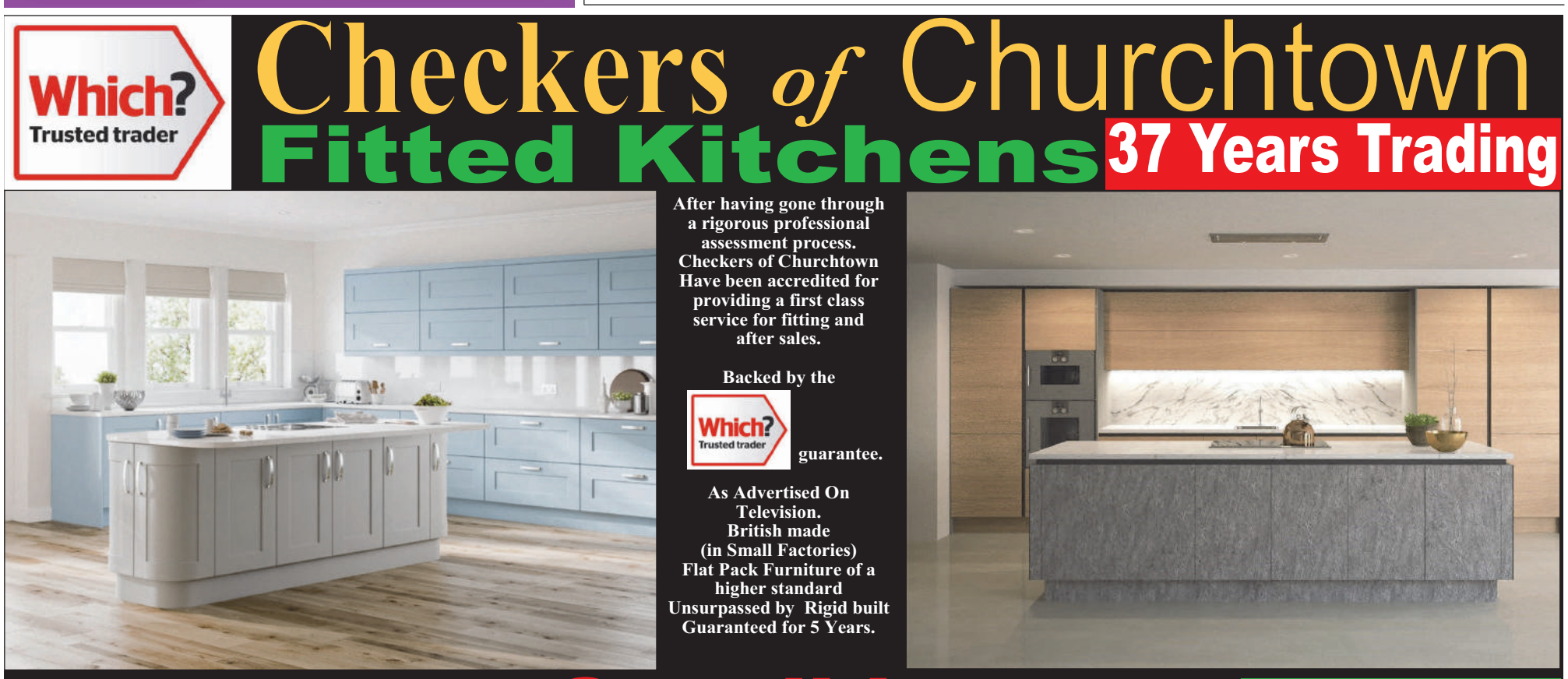
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Dancers from the Kelly Shirley School of Dance with their medals and trophies won at the Born to Perform National Championships in Manchester.

# More glory for world champion dance school

## Youngsters step up to claim another national title and wow judges on TV talent show

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**MEMBERS of a multi-award-winning West Lancs dance school are celebrating after claiming another triumph in a national competition and passing the audition stages of TV's *Britain's Got Talent* show.**

The Kelly Shirley School of Dance, based on Ringtail Road, Burscough, already hold European and world championship titles and won the British Dance Cup in London last year.

Their latest success came in the Born to Perform National Championships in Manchester where they claimed the top places in eight categories - including scoring an unprecedented 100% in one - to be crowned overall champions.

Principal Kelly Tobin (nee Shirley) said: "We were just speechless. It's fantastic to showcase the level of talent in West Lancs, which is incredible. The children are absolutely delighted to be achieving all of these things."

Performing for the school were soloists, duets, trios and teams in categories including musical theatre, acrobatics, cabaret, contemporary dance, tap, and jazz.

While competing in London last year they were spotted by a producer from ITV who fast-tracked them on to the *Britain's Got Talent* programme.

And broadcast last month, viewers saw the school wow the audience at the London Palladium with an acrobatics-packed dance based on the Wizard of Oz.

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Judge Amanda Holden said of their routine: "I cannot see how you can improve on it"; while fellow judge David Walliams noted their professionalism and said: "I could not fault you."

And although Kelly has to remain tight-lipped about what happens next, all four judges - the others were Simon Cowell and Alesha Dixon - voted to progress the team to the next stage.

A former professional dancer herself, Kelly founded the school 15 years ago and the dancers, aged from six to 16, come from all over West Lancashire as well as Southport and Blackburn.

Although she is the only teacher, Kelly is ably assisted by an acrobatics coach and a vocal coach, who she says are amazing.

And despite their success she says they like to keep their feet on the ground and give performances for local causes, as well as competing in the big events.

"Although they are European and world champions, they are such lovely kids as well. We always say it is amazing to have a talent but it's much more important to be a nice human being as well."

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# Future of borough's two Poundworld stores uncertain

THE future of the two Poundworld stores in West Lancashire is uncertain amid speculation that the national chain could be set to close 100 of its 355 stores.

Poundworld is reported to have been hit by falling consumer confidence, rising overheads and the weaker pound.

Bosses at the discount firm are considering the move under an insolvency process called a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA), which could put up to 1,500 jobs at risk including positions at the stores at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale and The Hattersley Centre in Ormskirk.

Retail experts have said that Poundworld has struggled as a result of the weaker pound, rising overheads and a decrease in consumer confidence.

CVAs have been used more and more by businesses to enable them to shed loss-making stores which in turn reduces rents and can mean the firm does have to go into administration.

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**There is speculation that Poundworld could close 100 of its 355 stores nationwide**

Private equity firm, TPG Capital, which owns Poundworld, also controls the restaurant chain Prezzo which entered into a CVA earlier this year and announced that they are to close 94 branches.

The firm is also expected to seek rent cuts at many of their remaining stores.

A spokesperson for Poundworld declined to comment to the Champion on whether the firm planned to enter into a CVA.


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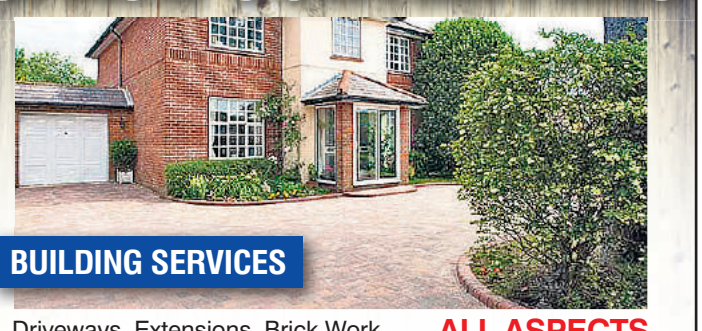

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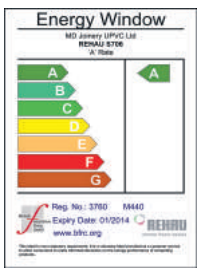


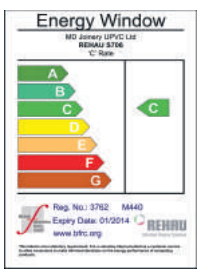


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# Public invited to health group meetings

MEMBERS of the public are invited to attend two forthcoming meetings of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The group's Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8 from 1.30 to 3pm in the boardroom at Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site in Wigan Road.

The agenda will be available on the CCG website (www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/) a week before the meeting.

Following the CCG's move to level three primary care co-commissioning in April 2017, the local health commissioners now have responsibility of commissioning primary care services locally in West Lancashire and lead on decisions of how funding is allocated.

Steve Gross, board lay member at NHS West Lancs CCG and chair of the new primary care committee, said: "The move to level three co-commissioning is a significant development for the CCG. We understand what issues face our local communities, and importantly what needs our local people have. These meetings are held in public so anyone can observe, further reflecting our commitment to be transparent about our plans and decisions."

The public are also welcome to the meeting of the CCG board at the same venue on Tuesday, May 22 starting at 10am.

Questions relating to items on the agenda can also be raised by visiting the governing body page of the CCG's website or by contacting the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, May 21

Once again, the agenda will be published on the website one week before the meeting.

After the meeting, members of the public and other attendees can have an informal discussion with some board members.

Printed copies of the agenda are available on request for those without access to the Internet by calling 01695 588 000.

# Further disruption in store for Northern Rail passengers

## Union announces latest one-day strike in ongoing dispute over safety and role of guards

**PASSENGERS on Northern Rail services, which operate on the Southport to Manchester line, are set to face further disruption following the announcement of another one-day strike.**

Officials of the RMT union have confirmed that members will stage a further 24-hour stoppage on Wednesday, May 9 in the ongoing dispute over the role of guards on trains.

The announcement of this latest strike came as RMT members from across the country gathered outside Parliament on Wednesday, April 25 to mark the second anniversary of the dispute over guards and safety on Southern Rail.

RMT general secretary, Mick Cash, said: "The intransigence of private rail companies operating in England over the key issue of the guard guarantee means that we have no option but to announce further strike action in the separate disputes on Arriva Rail North, Greater Anglia and South Western Railway.

"We are drawing attention to the ludicrous situation that means we are able to reach agreements in Wales and Scotland on the guard guarantee but not on a raft of key franchises in England. If it's good enough for Wales and Scotland to put rail safety first then it should be good enough for the rest of Britain.

"We have long detected the dead hand of the Government interfering to stop us reaching negotiated settlements in the disputes. It's about time Chris Grayling stopped playing politics with passenger safety and started taking the issue seriously.

"RMT remains available for genuine and meaningful talks in each of these disputes."

Merseyrail is currently in talks with the RMT union over a similar dispute. Those talks are being supported by ACAS officers.

Meanwhile Northern maintain they have a commitment to introduce Driver Controlled Operation on parts of the Northern network.

"This is why we want to have meaningful talks with RMT to explore future staffing options on trains and stations.

"In some areas we may choose to staff more stations and in others, it could make sense to have more customer support on trains.

"These are the important, constructive discussions we want to have with RMT."

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# Hospital's year of fundraising events brings £11,000-plus boost for Queenscourt

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**AFTER a year of fundraising events including a fashion show, ball and golf competition, which pitted doctors against local golfers, Renacres Hospital has handed a cheque for more than £11,000 to its chosen charity, Queenscourt Hospice.**

The independent hospital which provides healthcare to NHS, private and insured patients in Halsall, organised a series of events and charity raffles throughout 2017 and exceeded the money raised in 2016 for North West Air Ambulance.

In March last year, more than 170 ladies from Ormskirk and the surrounding areas gave generously when they attended a sell-out fashion event in Ormskirk, F*ashion for Compassion*, raising £4,500.

Then in July, to mark the hospital's 30th anniversary, staff, consultants and patients were treated to a week of birthday celebrations which culminated with staff, consultants, GPs and local businesspeople swapping their suits and scrubs for black ties and gowns to enjoy a fun-filled ball which raised £5,200.

Renacres also sponsored a local charity event at Southport Old Links Golf Club in September by entering two teams of GPs and consultants who went head-to-head with 90 local golfers.

Wendy Williams, GP liaison officer at Renacres, who organised the fundraising events and activities, said: "On behalf of Renacres Hospital, I would like to thank all those who have supported our fundraising efforts. Without your support, our cheque to Queenscourt Hospice would not have been possible. A sincere thank-you to all local businesses who have assisted us throughout the year offering their time, services and donations.

**Lucy Smith, community fundraiser at Queenscourt Hospice, receives collection buckets from Greg O'Neill, general manager at Renacres Hospital and finance manager, Shayan Amjad**

"Thanks to those in the local area, we are delighted to announce that we have raised a whopping £11,646 for our charity of the year."

Lucy Smith, community fundraiser at Queenscourt Hospice, said: "The staff at Renacres Hospital have been wonderful supporters to Queenscourt Hospice for many years. "We were delighted to be chosen as their charity for 2017 and delighted even further to learn of the magnificent amount raised!

"A lot of hard work and enthusiasm was dedicated to this fundraising, for which we are sincerely grateful.

"Every penny raised will make a positive difference to the lives of people within our own community, helping us to provide specialist care and support to all those who need it.

"On behalf of all patients, volunteers and staff at Queenscourt, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made this superb donation possible."

**The mayor and mayoress with Ormskirk CE Primary pupil Joseph Macdonald at the renovated street sign.**

## Sign of bygone times

A STREET sign for Victorian housing that was demolished more than 50 years ago has been restored and placed near to its original site.

Court No. 8 in Aughton Street was knocked down during the early 1960s but the street sign was rescued from a tip by local resident John Shaw's father.

For decades it was located on Mr Shaw's house wall but Morrison's store, which now occupies the site where Court No. 8 once stood, has covered the restoration costs and agreed to have it put up close to its original location.

The newly-renovated sign was unveiled at a ceremony attended by Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey.

The mayor thanked the members of the Ormskirk & District Family History Society for instigating the return of the sign and said he hoped that the people of the town would show respect for the historical significance the sign represented.

The families who lived in the old Victorian courts are believed to be the ancestors of many current residents.

Following the ceremony, Ormskirk CE Primary School pupil, Joseph Macdonald, presented the mayoress with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Family History Society and a lunch was held in Morrison's cafe.

# Lathom solar farm plan submitted to council

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS to build a solar energy farm installation on 10 acres of land at Lathom have been submitted to West Lancs Council.

When first proposed earlier this year, the scheme was met by opposition from people who believe the site was used to bury horses which had been used in the First World War.

Lightsource BP and NSG propose to place the solar installation at Lord's Cottage, Hall Lane, which was part of Lancashire's Lathom Park estate, and a place where more than 200,000 horses were trained for service in the 1914-18 war.

In February, local historian, Paul Kenyon, said: "If the horses used in the First World War are buried there, these proposals are a disgrace."

The planning application follows a community information event held at the NSG Technical Centre in January 2018 and a number of environmental assessments, which have helped shape the final designs and management plans.

This includes amendments to the layout to avoid impacts on identified archaeological features, finalised landscaping and habitat creation measures, and updated construction management plans, including ensuring construction traffic avoids Spa Lane.

Lightsource BP and NSG Group have said they, "appreciate the important heritage of Lathom House and the use of its grounds as a remount station during World War One.

"As part of the thorough assessment process heritage experts undertook a geophysical survey, which was reviewed in light of the reports regarding the possibility of a war horse burial site being present on the proposed land in February 2018. This found no evidence of horse burials within the proposed development site."

They have said that in response to concerns raised in the local community, a second geophysical survey was commissioned which, they say, confirmed evidence of barracks or stable blocks and an exercise track, but no subsurface earthworks consistent with a horse burial within the proposal site.

However local historian Dot Hawkes commented: "I would like to see the results of the survey. Who has done the reports and on whose behalf? Also what are the findings and where have they shared them?

"There are residents who back onto the proposed development who strongly object to it."

Lightsource BP say they have amended the layout and agreed a construction methodology with the county archaeologist to avoid impacts on these identified archaeological features.

The NSG Group has said that as part of their "drive to improve their sustainability credentials", the solar installation will help meet carbon reduction targets, saving an estimated 908 tonnes of carbon emissions each year or the equivalent of taking 193 family cars off the road.

The application has been validated and is available to view on the West Lancashire Borough Council website using the following reference number 2018/0409/FUL.

Nick Boyle, CEO at Lightsource BP, said: "We're delighted to have submitted a planning application alongside NSG to develop a solar installation to generate clean electricity for their European Technical Centre, in Lathom.

"We have been sharing plans for the site with the local community through public events and leaflets and have been encouraged by the largely positive response. The majority of the feedback has been supportive of our proposal, which would generate enough clean solar energy to meet 30% of the electricity needs of the Technical Centre, an important local employer."

If approved the installation will provide approximately 30% of the centre's annual electricity demand. The majority of the proposed solar installation will be erected on 10 acres of land just to the south of the centre, with a smaller installation within the Technical Centre's grounds.

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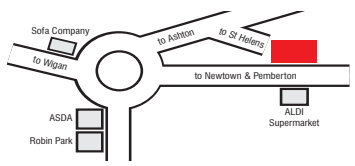


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# Chance to re-trace War Horse Route

## Historic walk re-launched to mark 100th anniversary of the end of First World War

**ONE of the borough's most popular walks, the War Horse Route, is being re-launched to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.**

West Lancs Council is working with Lathom Chapel and the Aughton & Ormskirk University of the Third Age (U3A) group to organise a free guided walk of the route on bank holiday Monday, May 7.

Walkers will leave from Ormskirk railway station car park at 10am and on the way local historian Andrew Beeston from Aughton & Ormskirk U3A will tell the story of the war horses and the contribution they made.

The walk will also be assisted by the council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service.

The War Horse Route will mostly follow that taken by horses that had been brought from all over the world to Ormskirk station via Liverpool Docks. The horses were then walked through the streets of Ormskirk to the Remount Depot at Lathom Park. Later in the war a railway was built to transport horses directly from Liverpool Docks to the depot.

On the day of the guided walk there will be two options as follows:

**1**. Take the guided walk from Ormskirk to Lathom Chapel where refreshments can be enjoyed before the return following the outward route, a total distance of about five-and-a-half miles.

**2.** Take the guided walk from Ormskirk out to Lathom Chapel and stop for refreshments. Then continue by one of several routes e.g, through Lathom and Ruff Wood before returning to Ormskirk - distance between six and eight miles.

In addition, a War Horse Route walking leaflet has been reproduced by the council and will allow walkers to choose and follow a route themselves.

Copies will shortly be available from the council offices; the customer service point at the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale; Ormskirk library and Southport Eco Centre. The leaflet will also be available to download from DiscoverOrmskirk.com.

Lathom Chapel

John Harrison, West Lancs Council's director of development and regeneration, said: "We are delighted to be re-launching the War Horse Route which is one of our borough's most popular walks.

"The council is pleased to be working with Lathom Chapel and Aughton & Ormskirk U3A to tell the fascinating history of the area's connection with the War Horses, combined within this wonderful guided walk."

Although there is no need to book a place before the day it would be helpful for organisers to know numbers. Anyone wishing to take part is asked to contact the council on 01695 712645 between 9am and 5pm to let organisers know.

Walkers should arrive 15 minutes before departure time and wear suitable footwear and clothing. Children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

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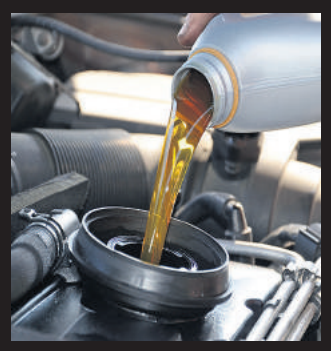

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# Authority to consult on reducing speed limit on stretch of County Road

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**LANCASHIRE County Council is to hold a public consultation on reducing the speed limit on the A59 County Road in Ormskirk following a second fatal accident in four months.**

In the latest incident 31-year-old David Stevens was killed after his Yamaha MT10 motorcycle was involved in a collision with a Honda Civic near to the junction with Yew Tree Road, on Wednesday April 18.

Mr Stevens was thrown from his vehicle, suffering multiple serious injuries and was taken to Aintree Hospital, where he later died.

The accident was the latest in a number of accidents on the road, including another fatal collision at the nearby junction with Green Lane on Friday December 22, and numerous crashes at the Fiveways junction.

A spokesperson for Lancashire County Council said: "Following any fatal incident we meet with the police to carry out a site inspection and consider whether any highway issues may have been a factor, and whether any changes could reasonably be made to prevent a similar incident in future.

**The police appeal for witnesses following the accident on County Road, Ormskirk which claimed the life of motorcyclist David Stevens**

"We met with the police in January following an incident in December to consider all the available evidence about safety on County Road, including investigations of previous incidents, and our own recent monitoring.

"In consideration of this we now feel it is appropriate to consider reducing the speed limit to 30mph on sections of County Road/High Lane (A59) and Southport Road (A570) north of the Fiveways junction and will be holding a public consultation on this proposal shortly."

### Welcomed

Following the announcement West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, commented: "I welcome the news that Lancashire County Council is now seriously considering calls from local residents, drivers and myself to review the highway safety and speed limits on County Road.

"This review needs to happen very quickly, and the results implemented without delay. Residents have long requested a review of the layout at the Fiveways junction and the speed limit reduced along County Road.

"It is disappointing that there have had to be numerous collisions and two separate fatal accidents for the highways authority to listen and to act."

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Among the many other comments on social media Gary was described as "one of the nicest people you will ever meet" and "an absolutely top bloke."

Karen said that she would not have been able to complete last year's Channel swim, which raised £14,000 for Alder Hey, without Gary's "unerring support."

She has now set up a Just Giving page in his memory to raise more money for the hospital which was his favourite charity. And more than £3,500 has already been pledged.

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# County council bid to ease fears over material left for recycling going to landfill

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**The household waste recycling centre in Abbey Lane, Burscough, which the county council says no longer has a hard plastics bin.**

**LANCASHIRE County Council officials have sought to calm fears that the majority of material deposited for recycling in the county is in fact going to landfill.**

Concerned readers contacted the Champion after a post on an online Burscough community forum accused the authority of lying about what happens to recyclable waste.

The post stated: "I have just been informed by one of the workers at the recycling centre that a majority of the items taken for recycling are sent to landfill sites at a cost of £300 per truck. The cardboard, paper and bottles, are recycled but the majority of everything else is mixed together, contaminated and goes to landfill, even though it could be recycled.

"Why are we paying councils money for recycling when they are lying to us?

"Landfill sites are destroying our environment. What kind of world are we leaving for the generations to come?"

However, the county council, which is responsible for the management of all household waste, has explained that while there is some truth in the claim, it only relates to hard plastics and is due to worldwide changes in the plastics market.

Steve Scott, head of waste management for Lancashire County Council, said: "I'd like to reassure people that the plastic which they separate as part of their doorstep waste collections is being recycled, and we also have facilities at our recycling sites for collecting and recycling good-quality plastic, such as plastic bottles.

"However we have recently removed the containers for separating hard plastics at our recycling centres as changes in the global market for recovered plastics mean we can't recycle it at the moment.

"China, which has been a huge importer of recovered plastics, has banned the import of certain recovered materials, including some plastics, with the effect that the UK market has seen a surge in plastic available to processors.

"The material we collect at our recycling centres as hard plastics is very low grade and processors simply don't want low-grade plastic at the moment.

"We are in discussions to establish whether they would be interested in some hard plastics if we can improve the quality of the material we separate.

"This would most likely mean a change in how we operate, with our staff having to be selective about the items separated.

"However, in the meantime we did not want to ask the public to separate material for recycling if we cannot be sure we can find a market for it."


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# Top of the league!

## Lathom High team joint winners of national enterprise challenge

Report by **Henry James**

**A TEAM of students from Lathom High School have been named as joint winners of the Premier League Enterprise Challenge.**

The Year 9 pupils at the school in Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale - Bartosz Frankowski, Dan Stephens, Saul Smith, Molly Neild and Sophie Heron - beat 900 rivals to take the title after giving a presentation in London attended by VIPs, including Theo Paphitis from TV's *Dragons' Den*.

The Lathom youngsters had originally been chosen by Wigan Athletic Football Club to represent them in the challenge, set by the Premier League executive chairman, Richard Scudamore, and had to come up with ways they could help the Latics diversify their club's fan base.

After winning the regional finals at Liverpool's Anfield stadium they went forward to the national contest.

One of the students, Dan Stephens, has a brain injury and is visually impaired, so they based their ideas on him and came up with ways to attract people with visual impairments to attend matches. Their other ideas were to attract more people with hearing problems to matches, and also more young people.

One of the ideas to attract people with visual impairments was to have iPads available for them, so they can replay parts of the game they had missed.

**The winning Lathom team with headteacher Jane Galbraith and PE teacher Hannah Forster**

PE teacher, Hannah Forster, who worked with the team from the beginning of the project along with Wigan Athletic Community Trust staff, said: "The judges liked the way that they used ideas which were personal to Dan. They also loved the presentation style of all the students and thought it was a realistic business plan.

"The team members didn't really know each other that well before the project but have formed good friendships along the way. They also developed their love for business and their confidence and self-esteem and they worked extremely hard on the project.

"Theo Paphitis said the Lathom students were awesome and if they had been on *Dragons' Den*, he would have invested in them.

"The school has never won a national competition before, so this is really big for us."

The Lathom team shared first prize with Broadgreen International School representing Everton FC.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "Congratulations to the team at Lathom High School on this fantastic achievement. I was invited to Lathom recently where the children did a practice run of their final presentation and it was clear that they were well placed to succeed in the final.

"This is a huge milestone for the school and a strong representation of the talents and ability of Lathom High students and children from across Skelmersdale."


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# ‘Beware of rogue traders and scams’

## Warning follows increased reports of ‘doorstep’ crime

**TRADING Standards officers at Lancashire County Council are warning residents to be beware of rogue traders, following an increase in reports of ‘doorstep crime’.**

A total of 31 incidents reported in March, compared to 17 in February and 11 in January.

These included reports of rogue roofers in Chorley who cold-call offering to replace soffits and fascia boards and carry out repairs that are not needed.

Residents have also reported cold-callers in Accrington and Haslingden falsely claiming to carry out work on behalf of councils. They have been offering cavity wall insulation and claiming people should have received a letter from the council about the work when no such letters exist.

A similar scam has seen cold-callers trying to persuade people in South Ribble to switch energy suppliers.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council, said: “Rogue traders tend to target people at this time of year when the weather is getting better and people are planning home improvements. They offer everything from roofing repairs to garden improvements and we’d urge everyone to beware.

“Trading Standards’ advice is not to agree to cold-callers offering to carry out property repairs. Always shop around and get quotes and don’t be rushed into making a decision. Remember if you agree to a contract in your home and have second thoughts, you have 14 days to cancel.

**County Councillor Albert Atkinson**

“Our Safe Trader website can help you find someone you can trust to carry out your home repair work.”

There have also been reports of a phone scam where people are being encouraged to sign up to a bogus telephone preference service and provide their bank details so a one-off payment, typically between £79 and £149, can be made.

People have also reported receiving emails asking them to update their bank details, because of billing problems with their Netflix account. This is a scam and people should ignore and delete the email.

Cllr. Atkinson added: “People can sign up to the Telephone Preference Service for free. Their communications service provider may also offer assistance. Be wary of unsolicited phone calls selling these services.

“The fake Netflix email is one of many email scams. If you receive an email you’re not expecting from a company, you should always check if the sender’s email address is correct. Check the email text for errors, as scam emails are often full of spelling mistakes.

“You should never follow a link in these emails. You should always visit a company’s official website or call their official customer service number if you're in any doubt that an email is legitimate.”

The county council’s Trading Standards team can be contacted via the Citizen’s Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

To keep up-to-date with the council’s latest consumer advice, visit the Scambuster Stan Facebook page.

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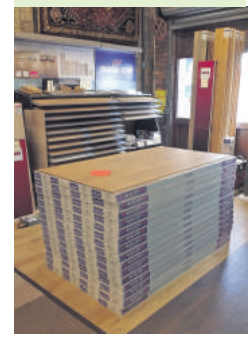

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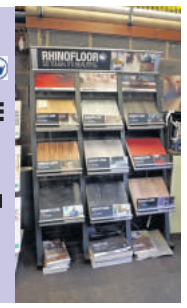

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# Cuadrilla pledges to restore fracking site - finally!

## Company to start work on returning land to green belt

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**FRACKING company Cuadrilla has promised to restore a well site to green belt agricultural land - five-and-a-half years after it was originally required to do so.**

Planning permission to drill for hydrocarbons at the site located within the Marsh Farm Fields/North Meols Biological Heritage Site, 3km west of Becconsall, was originally granted in 2010, on condition that the site should be restored within 18 months of work starting, which it did in 2011.

However, the company sought extensions to the restoration deadline, and after no shale gas was extracted, in 2015 further permission was granted for the retention of the well site for a period of three years to allow for the pressure monitoring of the Bowland shale reservoir followed by plugging and and restoration of the site.

The new restoration deadline was adjusted to August 2017 in March of that year but a further application in October 2017 to the county council's development and control committee to extend that until October 2018, was rejected.

Cuadrilla said it had hoped to restore the site last year but was prevented from doing so because a bird was found to be nesting near to the well.

**Planned**

The energy company now says: "Cuadrilla confirms that we will start work to plug the exploration well at our Becconsall site with cement and remove the wellhead. Once these works are complete, our site restoration programme will begin and the site will be restored to its original 'greenfield' status.

"We expect the well work to take approximately a month and the subsequent site restoration to take six to seven weeks in total, weather dependent.

"We had planned and mobilised to plug the well and restore the site in June 2017. However, it was not possible to do any works at the site as a little ringed plover bird was found to have nested just 12 metres from the well head. Undertaking works at the site would have disturbed or destroyed the nest contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

"We are therefore starting works as quickly as is feasible after the wintering bird season finished just a couple of weeks ago."

Maureen Mills, of Frack Free Lancashire, said: "This is indeed welcome news for the community, but it should be remembered that this work should have been completed by September 2012."


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# Police commissioner welcomes new chair of boards tasked with reducing reoffending

**LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has welcomed the appointment of a new independent chair to oversee local boards looking at ways to reduce reoffending in the county.**

Formerly a senior officer at Lancashire Constabulary and most recently Chief Constable in Cumbria, Jerry Graham will take up the role with the county's Reducing Reoffending Boards.

Four local boards, covering the north, east, south and west of the county, will play a key role in helping the commissioner fund projects to tackle crime and reoffending across Lancashire and making sure funding is used in a way which best addresses the local issues and priorities in their communities.

The £200k fund allows charities, organisations and partners to bid for projects that will work with offenders in their areas and help integrate them back into the community. This builds on the work that has already been done by the boards, which include representatives from partners including Lancashire Constabulary, local authorities and the regional CRC.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I am delighted to welcome Jerry, he brings with him an enormous amount of experience which I'm sure will help him hit the ground running, supporting and guiding the work of the local reoffending boards which operate across Lancashire.

"Policing alone cannot prevent people reoffending and this builds on the work that has already been undertaken by partners within Lancashire's local Reducing Reoffending Boards. Jerry and the boards will play an important part in identifying projects which, through funding that I continue to provide, can make a real difference across our communities.

**Commissioner Clive Grunshaw welcomes Jerry Graham to his new role**

"I know from seeing programmes that have received funding in the past how they can make a real difference and turn lives around. I'm looking forward to working with Jerry and the Local Reducing Reoffending Boards to continue this work and make sure the impact that this funding can have is reaching those who need it.

Jerry Graham, said: "I'm really pleased to take on this important role and I am looking forward to getting started, making a difference across Lancashire and working with other board members to ensure that the work we do links in with the commissioner's priorities."

And Lancashire's Assistant Chief Constable, Tim Jacques, added: "I'd like to congratulate Jerry on his new role. He brings a wealth of experience and I look forward to working closely with him in delivering results in this key area."


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# Aughton Parish Assembly date

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Annual reports will be presented by local parish, borough and county councillors, while a representative of Lancashire Constabulary will report on the policing of Aughton.

The Tick Tock Community Choir performed in the Great Hall to entertain visitors to Scarisbrick Hall's first Heritage Day event.

# Hall's Heritage Day attracts 400-plus visitors

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**HUNDREDS of visitors took the opportunity to explore and enjoy a local landmark when Scarisbrick Hall opened its doors to the public for a Heritage Day event.**

Built between 1830 and 1860 and designed by pioneering Victorian architect Augustus Pugin, the Gothic-style mansion was home to the Scarisbrick family for more than 700 years and today is the site of Scarisbrick Hall independent school.

Organised by the Scarisbrick Hall Trust and supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this was the first opportunity for the public to explore the building following major restoration work.

Naomi Cull, on behalf of Scarisbrick Hall Trust, said: "We had a fantastic time hosting Scarisbrick Hall's first-ever Heritage Day. More than 400 people came to visit this beautiful building on an equally beautiful day.

"A fantastic display by Ormskirk Historical Society explored the history and heritage of the local area and Lancashire Gardens Trust delivered fascinating tours of the gardens and grounds with more than 50 people attending each tour.

"The children's activities were a hit too, with a pirate treasure hunt, story-telling and a craft workshop inspired by local cartographer, Gerard Swarbrick.

"Gerard's maps and plates were very well received, as was the man himself. His charisma and stories won everyone over.

"It was also great to host the Tick Tock Community Choir who performed for us in the atmospheric Great Hall.

"We have received wonderful feedback from those who attended and we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future."

Restoration at the site is ongoing but has so far included work on the Great Hall's roof, a full restoration of the north wing, which accommodates the school's science department, and the 'north range' which houses classrooms and libraries.

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**Open door . . . Scarisbrick Hall's ornate interior was on view at the Heritage Day**


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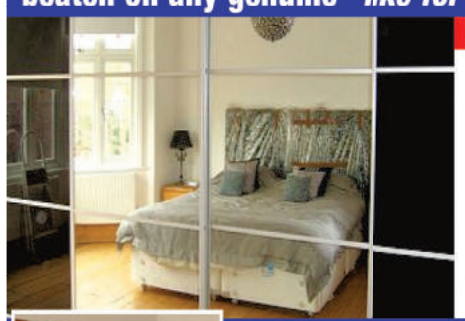

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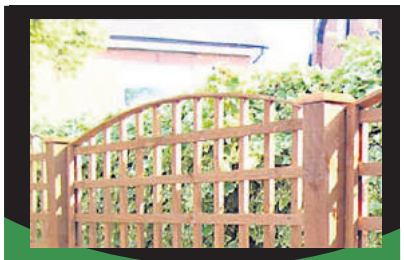

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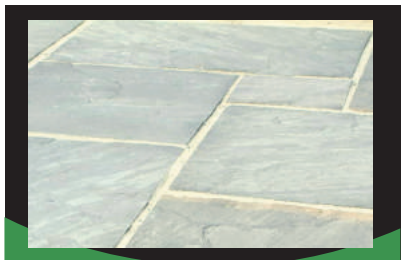

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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## Still waiting for leader's response to request for details about council plan to set up building company

CRAIG Sneddon (Letters. April 25) has had a problem trying to get an answer from Councillor Moran, the leader of West Lancs Borough Council.

He's not the only one.

I hoped that Cllr. Moran would respond to my letter in the Champion concerning the company which the council is setting up to promote house-building in the borough.

So far he hasn't said a word.

This is an important matter. It involves a large unknown sum of money which the council is putting up for this project and we have a right to know how much is at stake and how it will be managed.

This is why I have sent him a paper letter (emails are easily lost or deleted) under the Freedom of Information Act asking precise questions about his plans.

This means that he must provide full and accurate answers. So Craig might wish to try his luck using the same Act of Parliament.

Meanwhile, when I've received Cllr. Moran's response, I'll send the details to the Champion so that local citizens are well informed about the council's far-reaching commitments.

**Maurice George, by email**

## ...we want answers too

I WRITE in support of comments made by Gavin Rattray (article on Page 2) and Craig Sneddon (Letters) in the Champion of April 25.

Gavin wrote to Councillor Moran, leader of West Lancs Borough Council, regarding a probable solution to flooding problems on Furnival Drive in Burscough. I followed this with a supporting email of the proposal by Burscough Flood Group.

This was in December 2017, followed by further emails inviting a response. To date neither of us have received a reply!

**Councillor Brian Bailey, Burscough Parish Council**

## This litter epidemic is spoiling our beautiful Burscough

**I LIVE in Burscough and am concerned about the amount of litter that is strewn in our public areas and canal-side.**

**I make a point of picking up litter wherever I go and have invested in a litter-picker to use to clear the canal-side near to where I live on Heathfields.**

**I so wish that the schools and parents would educate their children not to drop litter on the walk to and from school.**

**If just a few people out for their walks would pick up just a few items of litter as they pass it and either recycle it at home or deposit where it should be in the bins.**

**You never know it could catch on to have some pride in our beautiful Burscough.**

Sheila Thomas, by email

## Have the council grass-cutters forgotten about Up Holland again?

ONCE again Up Holland is the forgotten village.

I have noticed all of Skelmersdale has had their communial grass cut, but in and around Up Holland the grass is about two-foot tall.

This is so annoying as I saw the men who cut the grass sitting in their van.

There was me thinking that they were just on a lunch break but no, it's still not been done.

What is going on? We pay our council tax but what for?

West Lancs please think about us in and around Up Holland, not just Skelmersdale, we have rights too.

**Keith, Up Holland, by email**

# PICTURE of the week

**A swan takes to the air as Southport's Inshore Lifeboat takes to the water during last week's demonstration of a water rescue on the Marine Lake. Picture by Martyn Snape.**

## Swamped by these pleas to donate clothing to charities

**IT'S the same every year...**

**Up to now (April 24) I have received 12 so-called plastic charity bags in my letter box asking for donations of clothes and other items.**

**I don't know what they expect.**

**If I filled them with what I have I would be walking around in my birthday suit and looking to fill my room with new items!**

**I really can't comprehend how many clothes they think I have.**

**They are not the only ones who need clothing.**

James, Aughton, by email

## Jim's view on school discipline is just plain common sense

I WAS delighted to read the recent *One Man and His Dog* column where Jim Sharpe extolled the virtues of disciplining out-of-control youths in schools.

Mr Sharpe may not be 'PC' but I can assure you there are many of us who agree with his common sense views!

Those of us in the Common Sense Club would like to see more of these columns from Mr Sharpe.

**Daniel, Ormskirk**

## Sunday trading laws enable shop workers to attend church on most important days in Christian calendar

RE: Mr Webster of Skelmersdale being surprised at finding the Concourse closed on Easter Sunday (Letters, April 11).

The law allowing larger stores to open on Sundays came into force in 1994 with the exception of Easter Sunday and Christmas Day if they fell on a Sunday.

This enables shop workers to attend church (this being the most important day in the Christian calendar) and have the time to celebrate with their families.

I can only assume that Mr Webster has not needed to shop on Easter Sunday for the previous 23 years.

**M.W., Aughton**

## *Drop us a line...*

**IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?**

**Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.**

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**Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.**

**■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.**

## Computerised system can help improve safety in swimming pools

AS we approach summer with warmer weather, together with the long school holidays, many young people will ignore the warning not to cool off by swimming in rivers and reservoirs.

Some will get into difficulty, while others will lose their life.

It is better to visit your local swimming baths making sure there is a lifeguard on duty at all times.

However even a lifeguard cannot always see someone in trouble among a crowded and noisy pool. That is why some pools are fitted with Poseidon. It is computerised technology which constantly monitors the water both on top and underneath. If someone is motionless for 10 seconds an alert is sent to the lifeguard.

It is not a substitute for a lifeguard, or parental control, but an extra layer of safety.

When visiting any pool, both at home and abroad, ask what are the safety arrangements.

**Bernard Powell, details supplied**

## Misuse of legal aid puts strain on public purse

**IT was interesting to read Rosie Cooper backing the Law Society on legal aid.**

**Whilst I agree legal aid should be available to alleviate pressure for some individuals in their fight for justice, Rosie Cooper must not see that some people use legal aid putting pressure on both public services and the public purse.**

**I have been embroiled in the family law system where legal aid has been granted for five years simply because it was given to them free.**

**For others it can cost them thousands.**

Frustrated, by email

# Public consultation launched on plans to change street lights maintenance

## Proposals aimed at saving £2.1m over two years

**LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a public consultation on proposals to change the way it maintains street lighting aimed at saving £2.1m over two years.**

The council has been replacing old-style sodium lamps with LED lamps for a number of years. Around 103,000 of the county's 151,000 street lights have been upgraded and a further programme of investment means that almost all will be LEDs by 2021.

LED lights are expected to work reliably for around 20 years, lasting much longer than the traditional sodium lights and resulting in less need to check and fix them.

The council currently carries out routine inspections to street lights and illuminated signs and bollards once every fortnight between October and March, and once every month for the rest of the year. It also responds to reports from members of the public received over the phone, or via the online 'Report It!' tool.

However, the authority is proposing to stop carrying out night-time inspections, and move to making routine tests of street lights every 10 years, rather than every five years as at present. It is proposed to keep the current five-day target for responding to faults when reported.

County Councillor Keith Iddon

The consultation has started and will be ongoing until Sunday, June 17.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Like many councils, we are facing an extremely challenging financial position, with a forecasted funding gap of £144m in 2021/22.

"We're committed to providing the best services we can, and particularly to protecting services for our most vulnerable people, which is why we're looking to save money by making services more efficient wherever possible.

"We're proposing to change the way we maintain street lights due to LED lamps being much more reliable than the traditional sodium type, responding to any faults reactively rather than carrying out regular night-time inspections.

"However, we want to make sure we've considered all the potential impacts, and give people the chance to tell us if they think this will affect them, before making a decision."

You can respond to the consultation by visiting the county council's website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

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And there's a chance to exhibit your own building brick creations at the gallery in St Helens Road.

All kinds of building brick creations can be submitted for this competition, including those built from kits with instructions, but for a chance to win a £100 prize, you are invited to use your imagination to build your own weird and wonderful Brick Creation!

For details on how to enter visit http://chapelgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/.

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# University's Festival of Ideas to explore Equalities theme

**EDGE Hill University's forthcoming third Festival of Ideas will explore a theme of Equalities.**

The festival, which launches at 6pm on Thursday, May 17 with a performance by the university's Big Band, will feature a series of talks, exhibitions and performances to engage academics, students and members of the public in conversations on the theme.

Alongside the university's Wonder Women programme, it will also mark the 100th anniversary of some women getting the vote, as well as responding to other current topics in society.

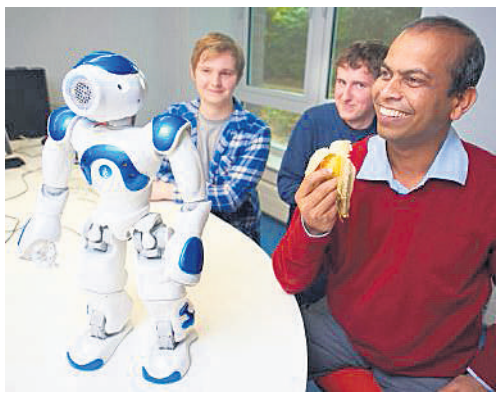
Among the topics to be discussed are animal agriculture and climate change; young people's voices in healthcare and as young offenders; health inequalities in society; the dark side of exercise nobody wants you to know; human-robot social interactions; autism; working class white male culture; refugees and social justice; suffragettes and modern feminism; and individual equalities.

A Vegan Weekend and a Film Festival will also run as part of the Festival of Ideas, with programmes to be announced soon, while a circus is also being organised for Saturday, May 19 although details are yet to be finalised.

The festival is programmed by Edge Hill's three research institutes, The Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI), The Institute for Public Policy and Professional Practice (I4P), and The Institute for Creative Enterprise.

Academics from the university will present their most current and innovative research to a public audience, in an accessible and interactive environment.

The festival also invites special guest speakers and performers to join the discussion and aims to open up inter-disciplinary debate about past injustices and what can be done to work together to formulate an equitable future society.

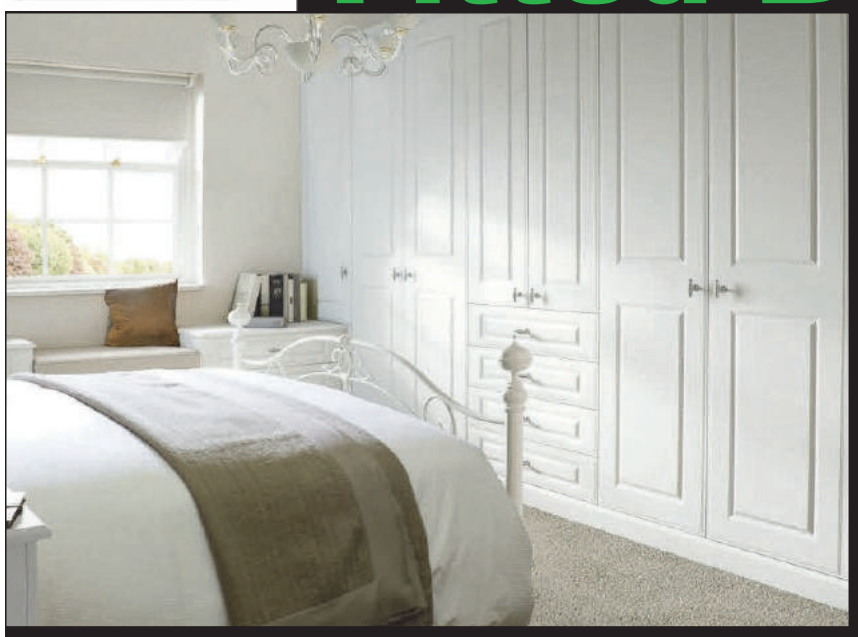


A seminar at the Festival of Ideas will provide a chance to interact with Robbie the robot

Pro vice-chancellor and Dean of Edge Hill's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, George Talbot, said: "The third annual Festival of Ideas will focus on the theme of Equalities which is very appropriate for the centenary of women's suffrage in this country, a cause particularly dear to this university's history.

"Our three research institutes have been working hard on assembling a really exciting programme which will mix serious debate with more lighthearted and family-friendly activities at the weekends. It provides an opportunity to showcase some of our research to a wider audience so that we may discuss findings and hear what people have to say about them.

"Edge Hill is an important resource for the local and regional community and we look forward to welcoming as many as possible across the threshold for this year's Festival of Ideas."



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# Broads still fascinate me even after more than half-a-century

BY the time you read this I will have returned from my first trip this year on my old river cruiser, *Manxman*.

So, in fact, I'm writing this just a couple of days before setting off with my 'crew', Tina and Cinders. And, as usual at this time of year, my greatest concern is that the old girl will start - for a start - and that the relatively ancient electrics will once again prove up to their task.

I suppose I'd bet that she will and they will too, but there is always that awful nagging doubt. After all, the poor old boat has been left in a draughty shed, in the water, for roughly six months.

Even so, I expect it to start more or less on the first attempt, despite having spent half a year in cold and very damp surroundings. You wouldn't be surprised if a car, left in a foot or so of water in a cold shed for the same time, simply wouldn't.

And don't forget, I hope for the same good results from all the lights in the boat, from the Webasto heater, the many pumps designed either to keep the water out or put (different) water in the sinks and shower.

The majority of these and their wiring are now well over 50 years of age. Truthfully, though, of course one or two items - like fuel pumps - have simply worn out, it is still the case that I have experienced the most trouble not from the main 50-plus fabric of *Manxman* but from the modern bits and bobs added since.

My late brother George was our 'chief engineer' who would give the boat a service every year and had at least a good idea of what had gone wrong and how to mend it - skills I, unfortunately, do not possess. Unhappily that means I have to pay someone who does to do the work; on the positive side though, it also means a general lack of swearing and mess.

Actually - and I'm touching wood as I write this - I have discovered that I am not (quite) so thick when it comes to things mechanical. Usually now I can tell a mechanic what has gone wrong, even if it is still beyond my ken how to fix it.

Electrics too I have some idea of - though there I do draw a line because George's 'bodge' jobs on various bit of the electrical system have been the cause of a good proportion of the woes I have suffered in the past few years.

Anyway, by now I should have returned from my cruise (just) and one thing I would be prepared to bet on is that I will have enjoyed myself and blown out a few cobwebs.

I can understand why some folk think I must be barmy to go on the same holiday several times each year. But I have loved the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads ever since my family started this tradition way back in 1961, four years before *Manxman* was built! It still fascinates me to see the changes with the seasons, and believe it or not, I am still discovering new places to visit which have been right under my nose all the time.

The reason we first hired a cruiser on the Broads was that George had acquired his first Collie dog, Kim, and wouldn't be parted from it. So a holiday abroad was out and though several hotels do admit dogs, it is hardly a good environment for a prolonged stay. Dad and mum were thinking caravan until mum spotted a newspaper advert for Broads holidays - and the rest, as they say, is history.

I even spent my honeymoon aboard a Broads cruiser and the spell of the Broads well outlasted my marriage. Yes, it is different now that I am on my own (if you discount my hairy chums) but since my maxim has long been 'if you can't get on with yourself, how can you expect others to get on with you?', I generally manage quite well.

Plus, of course, over the years I have made several friendships with local people and because *Manxman* is so distinctive in a sea of glass-fibre sameness, the boat itself is probably better known throughout Broadland than I am.

Anyway, back I am again now, until my next foray into the wilds of Norfolk and Suffolk, hopefully in June some time.

# MP sponsors first reading of health bill

ROSIE Cooper joined 11 other MPs to present the first reading of the Health Impacts (Public Sector Duty) Bill to Parliament.

The bill aims to embed physical and mental health provision and consideration in all policies at all levels of local and national government and public authority.

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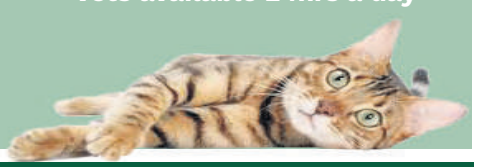

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# Hannah has designs on success at prestigious show

A WEST LANCS-based tattoo artist whose customers travel from as far as Dubai has had her work recognised at a prestigious conference.

Hannah Allen, who runs Art House Tattoo in New Court Way, Ormskirk with partner Nik Brierley, won the award for best small colour tattoo at the North Lakes Tattoo Show.

Held annually in Carlisle, the event attracts tattoo artists from all over the UK, Europe and further afield.

Hannah, 29, said: "I'm very excited and overwhelmed to have won this award, especially at a convention where there were so many other artists that I respect."

And 30-year-old Nik, who taught her the trade, says her success is all the more creditable as she has only been practising the art for five years.

He said: "This is Hannah's first award and to receive it within five years of taking up tattooing is quite an achievement.

"She has worked incredibly hard developing her unique style with people travelling from as far as Dubai to get work from her.

"Although we undertake most types of tattooing we both focus on our individual styles with my work being more in the traditional heavier and bolder look, while Hannah's is much more feminine and illustrative, sometimes working exclusively by hand without machine, a technique known as hand poke."

**Right: Talented tattooist Hannah Allen displays her award**

# Nursery rewarded for backing health and happiness scheme

**AN Ormskirk nursery has been awarded a 'Kindness Bench' for its work promoting the National Day Nurseries Association's Healthy Body, Happy Me scheme.**

**Three of the nursery's young charges, Mason, Lucy and Isabel.**

The month-long programme of events at Portico West End nursery in Grimshaw Lane was designed to help children in Early Years settings to celebrate health and happiness.

As part of the programme, children have enjoyed participating in the 'Kindness with the Clangers' project, which encourages them to be kind to their friends, family, and the environment. 'Daily Mile' sessions where the children skip, hop, jump and walk for a mile each day to a local primary school were also staged.

After monitoring the nursery's achievements on Twitter, The National Day Nurseries Association awarded it the special 'Kindness Bench' where children can sit to receive support from a friend or member of staff.

The nursery has also been taking part in *Active April*, an initiative by Action For Happiness that encourages children to move more, get outside, and stay active.

Manager, Amanda Wiley and deputy manager, Chloe Francis, have been delighted with the response from children and their families. They said: "Our children have really enjoyed the healthy lifestyle projects, which can also be done at home with family members."


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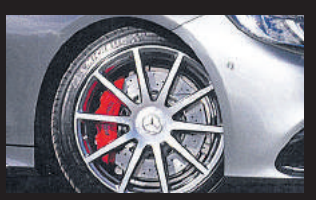

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# Martin Mere to stage annual plastic duck race - at the double!

**THEY'RE under starter's orders for a splashing time at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre over the bank holiday weekend with the Burscough reserve staging its fifth annual plastic duck race on Monday, May 7.**

And due to popular demand there will be two races this year, the first starting at noon and the second at 3pm.

Throughout April, children have been going along in droves to paint a plastic duck to enter into the popular event. But you can still buy a duck on the day for £2.50 and decorate it with felt tips with the winners receiving goodies from the Martin Mere shop.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "Last year nearly 400 ducks took part in the race with a great variety of colours and designs on show, so this year we have decided to put on two races.

"There was much drama in last year's event with one duck streaming into the lead, only to drift into a ditch, trapping five others and allowing another to come from behind and sail into an unassailable lead."

A number of other activities at the centre over the bank holiday include morning and afternoon pond-dipping sessions; canoe safaris and boat tours; the opportunity to build a den out of conifer; a chance to watch the family of otters feed; enjoying a splash and dash in the adventure play area that features water play; and a chance to hand feed birds from all over the world.

Packed crowds at a previous Martin Mere annual plastic duck race

The High Five netball team from Scarisbrick Hall School

# School netball squad on a 'high' after winning through to county games finals

SPORTY pupils from Scarisbrick Hall School are on a 'high' after netting a place in the finals of the SPAR Lancashire School Games.

The school's High Five netball squad defeated rivals from four other West Lancs schools at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Skelmersdale and will now represent the borough at the county finals to be held at Blackpool's Stanley Park on Tuesday, July 3.

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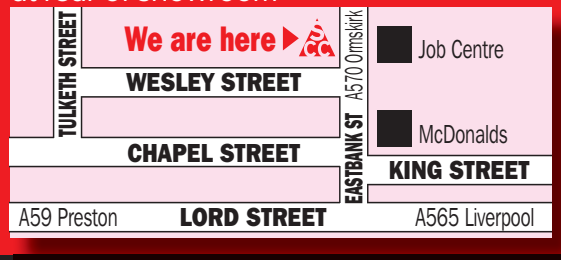


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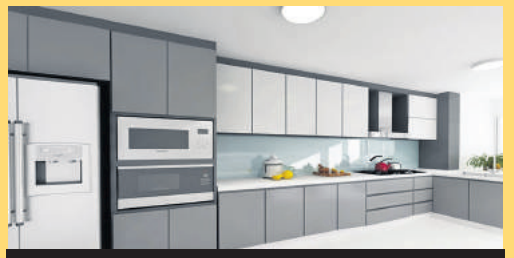

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# Edge Hill clinch hat-trick of wins in annual Varsity sports tournament

TEAM Edge Hill defeated their rivals from the University of Lancashire's Team UCLAN to claim their consecutive victory in their annual Varsity tournament clash.

Hundreds of students from the two universities competed across 22 different sports at the Ormskirk campus with both men's and women's teams taking part.

And contrary to the forecast, the weather stayed dry and the sun even made an appearance for the festival-style event watched by fellow students, staff, and members of the public.

Dan Bocharnikov, vice-president of activities at Edge Hill Students' Union said: "This year's Varsity was the biggest we've held at Edge Hill, and we really tried to create a family-friendly atmosphere with a sell-out BBQ, face painting and glitter, a photo booth and kit sale. Team UCLAN were great sports and the atmosphere across the campus was electric right up until the end of the day."

The final netball match saw a record turnout court-side, with the home team beating the visitors 74-30 to secure the win for Team Edge Hill and the Varsity trophy was adorned with green ribbons for the third year running.

Jenny Winrow, sports development officer at Edge Hill Sport, said: "It was a fantastic day all around. We would like to congratulate all the teams on their successes and we will look forward to them resuming training in the next academic year."

Members of 45th Ormskirk Scouts walked to raise money and awareness of those who have no access to clean water.

# Scouts hold sponsored walk for Wateraid charity

MEMBERS of a local Scout group raised funds for WaterAid by taking part in a sponsored walk.

The 45th Ormskirk Scout Group walked around the local area from their head quarters at Burscough Methodist Church Hall in Orrell Lane, finishing at Burscough's Tesco store.

All the beavers, cubs and scouts were encouraged to take a turn at carrying a water container to experience what children their age have to do on a daily basis.

Marj Potter, group scout leader, said: "We have been learning about the global water crisis and everyone was shocked to learn that millions of children their age have to spend hours each day walking to collect water so dirty it could kill them."

# *Coffee morning fundraiser date*

*LOCAL charity Sporting Challenge will be holding a fundraising coffee morning on Wednesday, May 16.*

*The event will take place at Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, between 10.30am and noon and will feature card sales, a raffle and a bring-and-buy with all proceeds going to the charity.*

*Entry is £5 per person with raffle tickets at £1 per strip.*

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# Countdown is on to the 10th annual Rainbow Ramble

**A WHOLE spectrum of colourful characters are expected to line up for the 10th Rainbow Ramble on Saturday, May 12.**

The annual event is held in aid of Rainbow House, the Mawdesley-based charity which offers rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with neurological conditions and relies entirely on donations, grants and fundraising activities.

Members of the public are invited to participate in one of two walks, taking either a five-mile or 11-mile route through the West Lancashire countryside both starting at Bishop Rawstorne High School in Croston at 10am.

Fancy dress is encouraged and some keen entrants opt to run rather than ramble while many families are accompanied by their dogs.

Also taking part will be family members of those who attend the facility, including Stephen Hardman from Burscough whose son Christopher has been attending since he was two years old.

Christopher, now 14, suffers from an undiagnosed neuromuscular disease and is unable to move, speak or swallow without drugs normally prescribed to adults with Parkinson's disease.

Stephen said: "Rainbow House has had such a positive impact on Christopher's life and I hope dozens more will join us and sign up for the Rainbow Ramble to support this fantastic charity which makes such a difference to the lives of so many children and young people."

Registration fee for the event is £15 for adults, £5 for children under 16 and free for children in pushchairs and wheelchairs.

All participants are encouraged to raise sponsorship and receive a pack including a t-shirt, sponsorship forms and training tips. To enter ring Rainbow House on 01704 823276; go online at www.thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com or email fundraising@thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com

You can also contact Rainbow House if you would like to sponsor one of the participants.

The event will have marshalls in attendance along the route and first aid cover will be provided by North West Event Medical Solutions.

Chief executive of Rainbow House, Ben Blackman, said: "The response to the annual ramble is always fantastic and we are so grateful to the businesses and numerous people who provide support. There are too many to name them individually but we thank each and every one who work so hard to make this event possible and supports us with food, drinks, gifts and their time."

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# Pub's sponsored bike ride raised £4,500 for Cancer Research

**CUSTOMERS and staff at a Burscough pub raised more than £4,500 for Cancer Research with their latest sponsored bike ride and associated fundraisers.**

**Regulars at the Hop Vine in Liverpool Road North have been staging their annual 17-mile ride taking in other local hostelries, including the Legh Arms at Mere Brow, the Farmers Arms and Stanley Club in Burscough and The Ship Inn at Lathom, for the past seven years.**

**This year's total, which was boosted by collections at the bar, tea parties and a golf day, will go specifically towards research into breast cancer. And it brings the grand total raised over the seven years to £21,000.**

**Event organiser, Graham Symms, said that 92 people signed up for the ride - although not travelling at the same time - and added: "I am overwhelmed by the generosity that was shown."**

**The next sponsored bike ride event, organised in conjunction with local police, will be held on Saturday, July 21. To take part contact Graham on 07918 858 082.**

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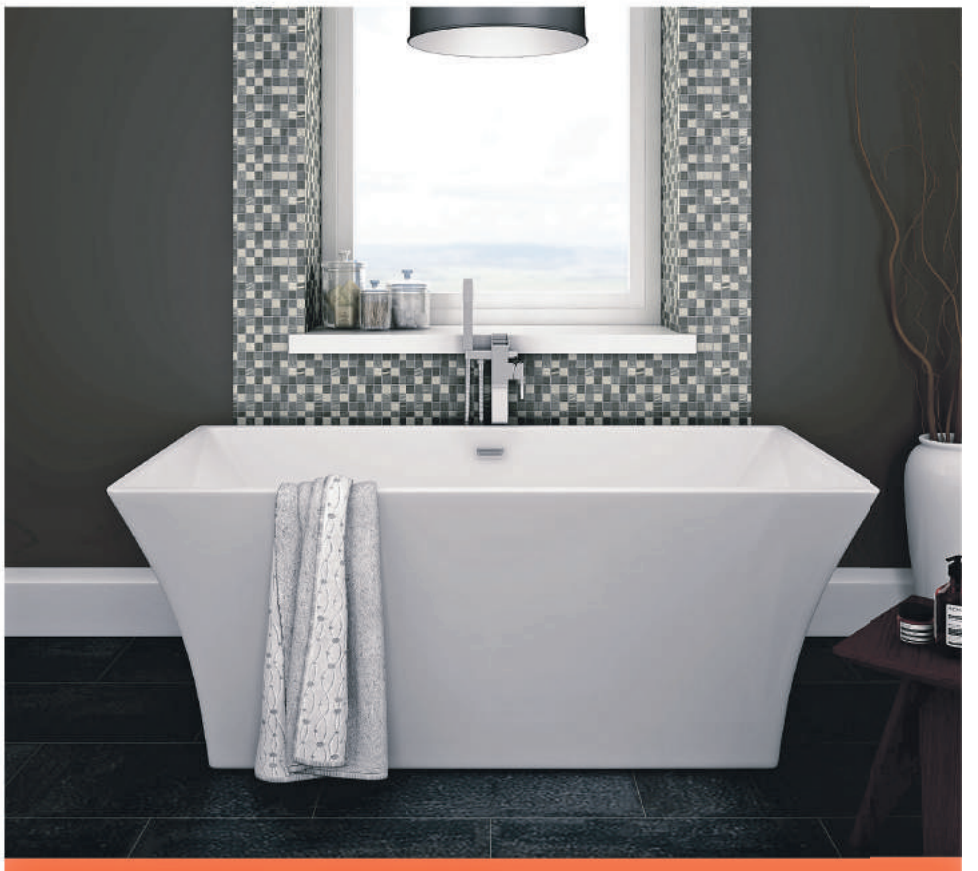

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# Award-winning chocolatier to feature at festival showcasing best of county's food and drink

LEADING food producers from across Lancashire, including an award-winning chocolatier from Mawdesley, will be showcasing the county's best food and drink at The National Festival of Making in Blackburn on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13.

The festival aims to promote the nation's best and most innovative 'makers and shakers' and will feature music, markets, street food and art.

Running from 11am to 5.30pm each day, the Taste Lancashire food and drink marquee, located in the festival 'hub' in King William Street, will offer visitors the chance to meet the producers and stock up on a range of food products and kitchen essentials with an authentic taste of Lancashire at home.

Organised by Marketing Lancashire, the marquee is part of a campaign to make the county a 'must-visit' food destination and further boost its 67 million annual visitors.

Featured among the wide variety of food and drink producers will be Choc Amor based at Cedar Farm in Mawdesley.

Founded by Paul Williams in 2012, the chocolate producer has won world awards for its range of handmade chocolates, many of them with unique flavour combinations.

Anna Izza, head of public relations and communications for Marketing Lancashire, said: "Some of the best produce in the world is made here in Lancashire and for that to continue we must support our local producers, retailers, pubs and restaurants throughout the year – so come along and get a real taste of Lancashire."

Paul Williams from Choc Amor

## *Church will host Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera*

*THE Crosby Gilbert & Sullivan Society will perform Trial By Jury at Emmanuel Methodist Reformed Church, Derby Street, Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 12.*

*The performance will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by a cake supper and excerpts from other Gilbert &Sullivan works.*

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## West Lancashire slimmers set to spring clean for a new Summer wardrobe

Slimmers in West Lancashire are celebrating losing weight by donating their now too-big clothes to charity.

As part of a national campaign, members of the local Slimming World groups are being invited to donate the clothes, shoes, bags and accessories they no longer need since losing weight to local shops via a bag collection at their Slimming World groups.

So confident in the fact they'll never need their over-sized clothes again, the kind-hearted slimmers, are donating their big clothes knowing each bag will raise £25 for CRUK.

The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw is taking place in all 18,000 Slimming World groups across the UK and Ireland between 6-19th May. Last year the campaign raised £3.3million.

As well fundraising, Slimming World also aims to raise awareness of the links between obesity and cancer.

Obesity is the biggest cause of cancer after smoking, but only 15% of people are aware of the link. Being overweight or obese increases your risk of developing 13 different types of cancer, including bowel, kidney and breast cancer.

Local weight-loss Consultant Tina Whewell, and says the annual Big Slimming World Clothes Throw is one of her favourite events in the calendar. "We've held a Big Slimming World Clothes Throw event for 4 years now, and this year I know it's going to be even bigger and better.

"It's such a liberating feeling having the confidence to bag up clothes you'll never fit into again, all while raising money for an extremely important cause. My members can't wait to make room for a new summer wardrobe by taking part – I know the atmosphere in group will be electric when we bring all the bags together! When we meet each week we laugh together, share challenges and tips for overcoming them, celebrate success and swap inspiration, tips and recipes. We really are one big family and I will be so proud to see them say goodbye to those larger sizes and set targets for enjoying a healthier holiday season feeling absolutely fantastic."

Nick Powell who lives in Ormskirk, has lost 2st 8lbs since joining the group in January and can't wait to take part. He says: "I've lost 6" off my waist and I've got 2 bags to donate. Losing weight has done wonders for me, and knowing I've almost reversed my diabetes and reduced my chances of getting a range of health issues including cancer feels great.

"The best thing is I don't feel like I've had to overhaul my life to lose weight. At Slimming World I don't have to give anything up and I can still enjoy all my favourite meals with my family, we just prepare them differently. By making small changes to the way I shop, cook and eat, the pounds have dropped off and I feel full of energy. "I never miss my weekly group to get a good dose of support and inspiration from my friends at Slimming World too. Together we can do great things and that's why I'm so excited to bag up my old clothes and see how much we can raise for Cancer Research UK. At my heaviest shopping for clothes was always something I dreaded. There's no going back to the old me, so I definitely won't need my big sizes again!"

*• Anyone who would like to take part in the Big Slimming World Clothes Throw or find out more about Slimming World is invited to get in touch with Tina on 07855 097585 or see details of their nearest groups in the adjoining advertisement.*

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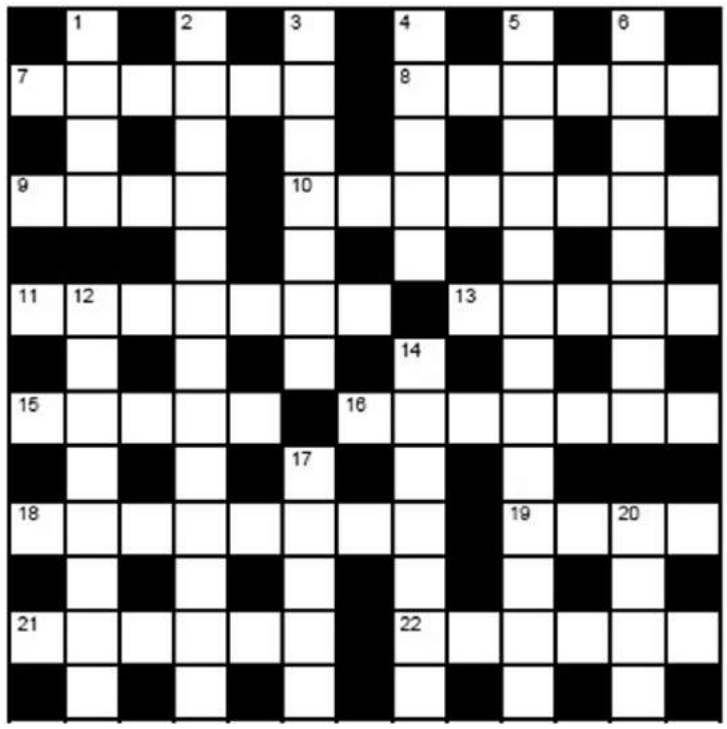

**Last week's solutions:**

Across: 7. Parking meters. 8. Clothing. 9. Eddy. 10. Coarsen. 12. Amber. 14. Verge. 16. Density. 19. Shoo. 20. Outburst. 22. Once upon a time.

Down: 1. Mail. 2. Skater. 3. Infidel. 4. Omega. 5. Stream. 6. Gradient. 11. Overhang. 13. West End. 15. Grovel. 17. Shufti. 18. Corps. 21. Same.

## ACROSS

7. OBE or MBE for instance (6)
8. Unwind (6)
9. Informal term for a lazy person with low standards of cleanliness (4)
10. Printed work containing recipes and instructions on how to prepare food (8)
11. Issue of a newspaper (7)
13. Mixture of sugar & water with egg white or butter used as a coating for cakes (5)
15. Determine the content or quality of a metal or ore (5)
16. Small stream of water or other liquid (7)
18. State of excited or anxious uncertainty (8)
19. Reflected sound (4)
21. Gathering where a medium seeks to make contact with spirits of the dead (6)
22. Suffer or die from hunger (6)

## DOWN

1. Length of something (e.g. rope) wound in a joined sequence of concentric rings(4)
2. Preparing a device intended to kill or maim when triggered by the unsuspecting actions of the intended victim (5, 8)
3. Farm vehicle (7)
4. Padded, unsprung mattress originating in Japan (5)
5. Any of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (6,7)
6. Publicly condemn or criticise (8)
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# Russian pianist playing in Parbold

**PARBOLD Douglas Music is delighted to present international artist: pianist, Sofya Gulyak performing in the Auditorium in the Village Hall on Saturday, May 12 at 7.45pm.**

Sofya, who is making her first visit to Parbold, was born in Russia and is a serial prize-winner.

She has won first prize in international piano competitions in the United States, Helsinki, Copenhagen, San Marino, South Korea and Paris.

In 2009 Sofya was the first-ever female winner of the Leeds International Piano Competition.

She started her studies in the music college of her home city, Kazan, on the Volga river but now she travels the world for recitals in all the great concert venues, and as soloist with orchestras from Manchester to Shanghai, Liverpool to Oslo, and Leipzig to Morocco.

Her recital programmes are reviewed in superlatives, and her concerto performances are lauded in glowing terms by the world's music press.

Her playing has been broadcast on radio and TV in Russia, Poland, France, Italy, Germany, USA, Finland, Denmark, Serbia, New Zealand, Brazil, Mexico, and the United Kingdom (BBC 3 and BBC 4).

Sofya Gulyak

Her programme offers a variety of music from the virtuoso transcriptions of Busoni's famous version of Bach's Chaconneor Franz Liszt's versions of Isolde's 'Liebestod' by Richard Wagner, to Frédéric Chopin's Grande Polonaise Brilliante, or variations by César Franck and Maurice Ravel's La Valse.

It is a dazzling powerhouse programme from Sofya who has been named 'La Grande Dame du piano' by La Scene.

# Epstein's audience 'lap up' Lennon's Banjo

Review by **Ron Ellis**

**Lennon's Banjo by Rob Fennah**
**Epstein Theatre, Liverpool**

**THE first instrument John Lennon learnt to play was his mother's banjo. As Lennon's piano was sold at Sotherby's in 2000 for £1.5m, imagine what that banjo would be worth today. If only it could be found.**

**This was the idea behind a novel called Julia's Banjo, by Rob Fennah and Helen Jones, and which Rob has now transformed into a comedy stage play whereby a Beatle Tour guide, Barry (Eric Potts), who is obsessed with The Fab Four, discovers a clue that sets him off on a search for the instrument, aided by two mates from a Beatles souvenir shop played by Mark Moraghan and Jake Abrahams.**

**Somehow, news of this reaches Travis (Danny O'Brien) a wheeler-dealer in Texas who hot-foots it across the Atlantic to join in the chase, accompanied by his glamorous wife, Cheryl (Stephanie Dooley), and pursued by Texan gangsters (Roy Carruthers and Alan Stocks). An unlikely scenario to say the least and hardly menacing.**

**The action moves around Sixties hotspots like The Cavern, The Jacaranda and The Casbah Club, all played against a distinctive collage of posters depicting the era in a colourful backdrop designed by Richard Foxton.**

**At the opening night, original (and best) Beatles drummer, Pete Best, made a personal appearance as himself although he seemed like he would have been happier with his drums in front of him.**

**The cast was completed by Liverpool favourite, Lynn Francis, as Brenda, who secretly fancies nerdy Barry (though God knows why) and is upset at Cheryl's attempts to seduce him into revealing his progress.**

**This was a play that could have gone two ways, played as a true comedy or as a thriller, but somehow it falls between two stools. Not enough funny one-liners and comic situations to get you laughing out loud, yet not scary or gripping enough to keep you on the edge of your seat.**

**Nonetheless, there is a good basic plot here, it's just a matter of finding the right approach. Maybe, bearing in mind the subject, it could be turned into a musical.**

**Obviously success in it's native Liverpool is assured, especially with a cast of popular local actors. The audience on the opening night certainly lapped it up, the humour between the Scousers bringing the most laughs, while The Beatles connection alone brings instant publicity.**

Danny O'Brien and Stephanie Dooley in Lennon's Banjo. Picture by Anthony Robling

But.... does mention of The Beatles half a century after their heyday guarantee interest from younger generations anymore? Especially ones outside Liverpool. After all, Sixties' rock'n'rollers had no time for Bing Crosby or Fred Astaire from a similarly distant era.

**Crosby's Rob Ferrah, meanwhile, having been a member of hit bands Buster and Alternative Radio, pursues his stage-writing career with The Water of Liverpool, a follow-up to his successful musical of Twopence to Cross The Mersey, due at the Epstein this coming October.**

**Star rating: 5 out of 10. Good story but needs a different approach.**

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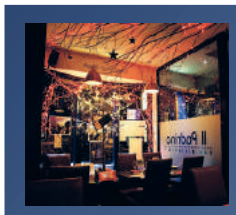

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## COMPUTING

**MOTHERBOARD COMBO** prebuilt mobo from old computer, intel q9550 8gbddr2, ASUS mobo, custom quiet heatsink, cables +dvdrw +wifi card, works skelmersdale, £145 07419330044

**DESKTOP PC** Dell Windows 10 WiFi enabled, 4 GB ram DVD drive, 160 GB hard drive, 19" Philips monitor, KB & mouse. £120 07504888423

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## DIY

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**BLANCO** SINK DRAINER, ROUND stainless steel with fittings 18" circumference never used £30 07855222552/07821417560

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**MAKITA JIGSAW** Model 4340CT 110V brand new in case, never been used. £80 01695 422416

**SAW** Elu chop 110v 9inch blade, good working order £60 07929 963449

**ALUMINIUM LADDERS** 3X10ft extension ladder £70 07840295782

## GARDENING

**POND PUMP** Hozelock Bioforce Revolution Filter Kit 6000 for clearwater ponds, suitable for up to 12000 ltrs. Originally £350. Excellent condition - £150 01695 424797

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**GARDEN EQUIPMENT** rake spade woe streamer long blade electric hedge trimmer sold as lot offers around £30 07543541876

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**WEED CONTROL** fabric, one roll 8m x 1.5m unused and in original packaging. £5. 01704822190

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**QUALCAST MOWER** 12" Rotary with extension cable 310 0796 8267316

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**WANTED** Bernina Sewing Machine. In full working order. 07743537059

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**32" TV** Philips 1080p 2xHDMI, on stand, no Freeview tuner, ideal for games, DVDs, streaming etc. Great picture, £50 ono, collection L20. 07852138048

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**DVD PLAYER** Phillips player with remote control and 3 dvds Perfect working order £5. pick up Crossens area 07591482956

**SKY +BOX** Not H D . May be wanted for parts. White use to need card £5 pic up Crossens area 07591482956

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**DIGIHOME PVR80** Complete with manual remote also scart and aerial lead, all boxed £20 0151 5472371

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**TV STAND** Glass with three shelves and chrome legs as new may deliver £20 ono 07817803671

**DELL** Dell 2.0 Speaker System - AE215. Desktop Speakers. Brand new boxed. £20. 07747 616679

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**PHILIPS SOUNDBAR** as new,complete with optical cable.£30 01704 548264

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**HAIR STRAIGHTENER** brush type in white Anti scald, Temperature control, Head massage function. New and boxed with instructions bargain £5 01704220356

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**IKEA 8DRAWCHEST** As new good size draws, opaque frontage, in excellent as new condition. Light Oak effect and 2 bedside cabinets.£120 07876701547

**MIRA SHOWER** Advance ATL Thermostatic Electric. 6 months old, excellent working order very clean. Complete with showerhead,rail,soaptray £120ono 07876701547

**OLD FASHIONED FIREPLACE** Tiled looks great complete with brass surroundings and gas fire would suit restoring a room. Pictures supplied £90 07767790187

**SINGLE MIRROR** Fronted wardrobe width 17.5" height 82" depth 24", adjustable shelves, hanging rail surplus to requirements offers around £25 07543541876

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**HOUSE CLEARANCE** Pout you up bed, display unit, garden shredder, Lloyd loom unit. Antique chest of draws. Snooker table. From £10 07434841029

**STOKERS SOFABED** Stainguard Warranty Protection. Complete with Plumbs fitted gold covers. Unmarked. Bed unused. £1475 new. Absolute gift £650. Customer collects. 07751285336

**SEAT CUSHIONS** Sage green with zips Matching pair.24"x 18"x 5". Dunlopillow.from 2seater settee £5 Pair.pickup Crossens area 07591482956

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**PUNCH BOWL** Lovely embossed silver plated on copper,made by Viners, with 12 cups on matching tray with ladle. £75. 01704 530137

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**DINING TABLE** Elegant with four chairs. Antique bronze wrought iron legs with glass top, chairs are neutral covered seats. £500 07752 886940

**DINING TABLE** Beautiful marble cream & brown, six chairs with cream seats. House move forces sale. Cost £1395 from Furniture Village. £700 07814 107675

**KENWOOD** Combination microwave oven, brand new, still in box. microwave 900w grill and conventional oven 25l capacity £85 01695 576657

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**PINE STAND** Solid waxed pine stand with shelves 94cm height, 21.5cm depth, 29.5cm width in excellent condition. £25 07858046342

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**TV CABINET** Light pine effect one drawer ,two cupboards and glass top. 84cm width, 42cm depth, 84cm height. Excellent condition. £40 07858046342

**ELECTRIC TABLE/BEDSIDE** light "map of the world globe"-circumference 12". Black base. As new £10. Suitable for child's bedroom. 07855222552

**PYREX BROWNING/CASSEROLE** microwave dish-22cmx-22cm. White ceramic with glass lid. Used only one. Perfect condition. £5 07855222552

**THREE PIECE SUITE** Two seater settee and two arm chairs all recliners in medium green leather very good condition £200 phone 07813094247

**TV STAND** Strong clear glass. Silver legs. Angled corners. Holds up to 55 inch TV. Ex John Lewis. VGC. £30. Southport 01704 553972

**VACUUM CLEANER** Vax Air full size with unused tools. Yr old 5yrs garauntee left little used perfect condition was £90 Gift £30 07751285336

**STORAGE UNIT** small square unit in beech could be used as a bedside cabinet. 2 closed cupboards and 2 open shelves, great condition £20 07935641474

**BRAMBLEY HEDGE** Large tea plate complete with quality hanger. Perfect condition in original box. 07411658297

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**CURTAIN POLE** White wooden curtain pole. 65'' Complete with all fittings and wooden rings if required. £5 07411658297

**CURTAIN POLES** Curtain Poles. Heavy duty solid teak. Various lengths from 64" to 134" from £7 07411658297

**ELECTRIC FIRE** log effect + 2 bars works perfectly. has been used in shed needs t l c £5 Crossens pick up 07591482956

**ANTIQUE BRASS** king size headboard and footboard. Stratford design. Unused. £50 07771270014

**IKEA FUTON** Single futon/chair. Lycksele design. Washable dark blue cover. Good condition. Little used. £30 07771270014

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**CARLSBERG DRAUGHT MASTER** beer dispenser with drip tray. In good condition, rarely used. £35. 07968914294

**BOOKCASE MAHOGANY** Colour, 6ft high x 3ft wide, with 4 adjustable shelves, very solid, not flat-pack type. £45. 01704 530137

**ORECK VACUUM** Cleaner, cylinder type, can be handheld, very lightweight, ideal for stairs or car. £15. 01704 530137

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**FILING CABINET** Grey steel 2 drawer 29 high 21 deep 19 inches wide slight top rust £10 Aughton 01695 420950

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**LLADRO FIGURE** Very large piece of lladro, perfect condition, make great present, stamped underneath, £120 01704 573121

**BATHROOM MIRROR** with light and shelf, perfect condition, 31" h x 17" w, £35 ono 01772 814690

**GTEC** Air Ram Mk1 complete with charger and spare filters in excellent condition £100 0151 5472371

**HIFI STEREO** System, including turntable, cd player, equaliser, tape deck, two speakers £30 07866 032262

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**SIX SEATER** Large dinging table with chair, excellent condition, not very often used £180 01704 840697

**UPRIGHT DYSON** and tools, as new £60. Heavy duty hedge cutter, new in box £100 ono 01704 884564

**ELECTRIC FIRE** Stove effect. Black, with remote control. 3 months old. £170.00 new. £60.00 07756597703

**CHANDELIER** Small 5 arm Chandelier ceiling pendant with brass fittings. Lovely condition. £12 07747 616679

**GEORGE FOREMAN** Fat Reducing Grill,as new, only used once,still in its own box, finished in red colour £20.00 07969984162

**TEAK GPLAN** Two bookcases and sideboard good condition £20 each £50 the lot. Buyer collects 01695 576229

**COFFEE TABLE** large coffee table with decorative stone top 48inch x 30inch in excellent condition. £30 07771 787540

**COFFEE TABLE** coffee table with decorative stone top 24 inch x 24 inch excellent condition £20 07771 787540

**SETTEES** John Lewis beige material settees 2&3 seater plus matching cushions £220 01695578188

**FRIDGE/FREEZER** Curry's essentials. White. 6 months old. □50.00 07756597703

**UMBRELLA STAND** Ornate black cast iron umbrella stand £5 07814640332

**CANTEEN CUTLERY** 24 piece cutlery set in wooden case Never Used £35.00 01519244613

**MICROWAVE** Russell Hobbs 800W basic model £10 01704892935

**CD TOWER** 40" tall, medium wood from pier £10 07977 344241

**CHAIRS X 2** Wing back fireside chairs, green drayman £35 07866032262

**CUPBOARD DOORS** Kitchen, light oak, all fitting etc £50 the lot. 01695 724823

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**TWO TETRAD** Eastwood Sofas (MIDI) £300 each or two for £500 01704 832500

**VINTAGE VIRESA** Green large glass bottle vase, terrarium 60's redo £30 07837519560

**WHITE VENTIAN** Blind 165cm x 120cm drop, 12 months old, as new £15 01704 808956

**WELSH DRESSER** Display unit in pine wood £40 ono 07817803671

**MIRROR** Brown leather surround. 42"x32". Excellent condition. £30.00 07756597703

**CANE CONSERVATORY** 3 piece suite plus glass top coffee table £30 01704 575124

**DIRECTORS CHAIR** light wood,-excellent condition,linen colour canvas.£15 01704 548264

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**ELECTRIC AIRER** easylife electric airer,as new, folds flat.£30 01704 548264

**NICE ORNAMENT** Sylvac 2788 bamboo basket antique white £5 01515316205

**FRIDGE FREEZER** Good working order £50 07929713465

**SMALL CHESTFREEZER** Good condition £50 07929713465

**2 SEATER** Brown soft leather excellent condition 07814 107675

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**FRONT DOOR** 32x78 as new £50 07905 058367

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**MAHOGANY BOOKCASE** Glass doors £30 07866 032262

**PANASONIC** microwave oven £10 01704 227306

**MAHOGONAY DISPLAY** Wall unit £30 ono 07817803671

**THREE PIECE** Suite good condition £50 ono 07817803671

**SUPER SER** calor gas heater £30 01704 575124

**SINGLE HEADBOARD** Pine single headboard £5 01515316205

## MISC

**SAMSUNG GENIO2** mobile phone in pink/black locked to Tesco. bluetooth/hands free/camera/more ideal first phone/child excellent condition Boxed/charger/instructions £15 01704220356

**MASSAGING CUSHION** New" Dream Touch" 2 gentle settings.1000s of squishy beans. New batteries installed.Unused nice gift.£5 pickup Crossens area 07951482956

**CAMPING** & Caravan bits including continental power connection, potty chemicals, black, bag, shower, camping table, portable kitchen, Gaz, Stove. Offers £££ 01704 874684

**BEREAVEMENT ITEMS** All at reasonable cost, inc washing machine, wardrobes, mirror, arm chairs, dining table and chairs. G Plan sideboard. From £10 07434841029

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**DISLEY GEORGE**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make today such a special one for George.
It gave me so much comfort to know that he was surrounded by many of his friends and family in a room so full of love and respect for one of life's true gentlemen.
Thank you to Peter Goulding for his warm ministrations, Aughton Institute for their hospitality and Claire, Dave and team from Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors for their professional care and support.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**ADSHEAD JOAN**

Phil, Carolyn and Philip would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and to those who attended the funeral service following the sad loss of Joan, a much loved Wife, Mum, Grandma, Aunty and friend. Much appreciation is offered to all the NHS staff for the care and attention given to Joan over the last few years. Thank you also to those who kindly donated to Cancer Research UK and The Children's Society.
Grateful thanks to Rev. Marie-Anne Kent for her kind words and conducting the funeral service and to Carl Howard and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

**COOPER CAROL**

Terry, Suzanne and Anthony would like to thank all of their family and friends for thei r support, kind words and cards at such a sad time. Thank you to Reverand Tom Rich, McCallum and Trittom Funeral directors. Donations to the marina Dalgliesh appeal on Carol'sw behalf have been gratefully received.

**PARKER ELLEN**
**Of Holmeswood**

Jane, Richard and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kindness, sympathy cards, flowers and donations received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all carers at Care Concern, The Derby Day Centre and to Park Grove Care Home at Burscough and to the District Nurses. Grateful thanks to Fr. David for the comforting service.
Special thanks to Dr. A.M. Statham for her care and kindness to Ellen.
Finally a sincere thank you to Lorraine and her colleagues at Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors for taking care of all the funeral arrangements for us.

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**ETHEL**

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## DEATHS

**BRYANT**
**ANTHONY**
**ALEXANDER**

**22nd April 2018**
**aged 85 years**
**of Parbold**

Anthony, beloved Husband of the late Margaret. Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at Our Lady's and All Saints Church, Parbold at 12noon followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Cats Protection League, c/o and all enquiries T & M.E. Walsh, 46-48 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan Tel:01257 421608

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## DEATHS

### PINCHES GEORGE REUBEN

**Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family**
**29th March 2018**

Margaret and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, messages of condolences, sympathy and support.
Thanks and gratitude also to the nurses at Aintree Hospital, ward 15 for their amazing care, the palliative nurses at Queenscourt Hospice, the district nurses, carers at Routes (Preston), and the staff at A1 nursing for their care and support .
Finally Margaret and family would like to thank Rev'd Paul Lock for his beautiful blessing, Eleanor West for the lovely funeral service and Margaret and Linda at Skelmersdale Funeral Services for their continuous support.

### ENNIS GARY RICHARD

**Died 21st April 2018**
**aged 42**
**Lived in Burscough formerly from Maghull**

Much loved Husband of Karen, he will also be deeply missed by Mum and Dad, Maureen and Stan and his Brother Paul and family; his Mum in law, Pam and Brother in law James and family.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 4th May 2018 at 2.30pm. Family only Flowers but donations if so desired to Alder Hey Children's Hospital either on the day or via the Just Giving Page. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road, Burscough.
Tel: 01704 891555.

### MCLEAN DESMOND JOHN (DES)

**Of Ormskirk**
**Passed away peacefully on 17th April 2018**
**Aged 88**

Beloved Husband of Marjorie, formally Welsh. Dearest Brother of Teresa and Brother in law Brian. Devoted Dad to Derek and Alan, fond Father in law of Valeria and Jennifer. Loving Granddad of Benjamin and Clara.
Funeral Service took place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday,1st May.
The family wants to thank friends and relatives for their support and kindness.

### WHITTLE ANTHONY (TONY)

**After a short illness, passed away suddenly in hospital on 18th April 2018 aged 78 years**

Much loved Father of Anthony.Tony will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 10am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The British Lung Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU
Tel 01704 897770.

### WILSON SHIRLEY

**30th April 2018**
**Passed away peacefully at home aged 87 years of Ormskirk**

Loving Wife of the late Colin, a much loved Mother to all her Children, Loved by all her Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren.
Funeral Service at Ormskirk Parish Church on Friday 4th May 2018 at 3.15pm, followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.
Donations and further enquiries please contact Margaret Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire, L39 5DZ.
Tel: 01695 424888.

### BALDWIN BRENDA

**Suddenly at home on 19th April 2018 aged 86 years**

A much loved Mum of Christine. Loving Nan of Ashley and Amanda and Great Nan of Liliana and Ryan. Brenda will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 1pm.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for North West Cancer Research. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU
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### TILL TONY

**23rd April 2018**
**Peacefully in hospital aged 81 years of Skelmersdale**

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service and interment took place on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at St Richards RC Church, Skelmersdale.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors.
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### CLAY BRIAN WILLIAM

**25th April 2018**
**Peacefully at home**
**Aged 92 years**

Much loved Husband of Eileen. Loving Dad of Robert, James (Deceased), Shirley & Angela. Father in Law of Mike, Diane & Peter (Deceased). Beloved Grandad of Benjamin, Christopher, Paul, Helen & Alice and to all his Great Grand Children. Will be sadly missed by all his family & friends. Service & Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday May 9th at 12noon. Family Flowers only please, Donations if desired to St Josephs Hospice c/o David Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 77-79 Bridge Road, Litherland.
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### MARDON ALAN

**25th April 2018**
**Aged 73 years**

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### UNWIN FRANK

**26th April 2018**
**Aged 88 years**

Died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Beloved Husband of Beatrice, much loved Dad of Tracey, Father-in-Law of Philip and cherished Grandad of Alexander.
Frank will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 4th May at 10:40am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
Telephone: 01704 500086.

### SUMNER MARJORIE

**On 25th April 2018**
**Peacefully at home, with her family by her side**
**Aged 85 years**

Dearly loved Wife of Colin, loving Mum of Ian, Pam and Gill, dear Mother-in-law of Mark and Stephen and much loved Grandma of James & Zara, Laura & Eric, Jake and Holly. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 4th May at 2:40pm. No flowers by request, but donations if so desired for Crisis. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG,
Tel: 01704 214118.

### INGRAM JOHN

**On 23rd April 2018**
**Suddenly at home**
**Aged 82 years**

Loving Husband of Vanessa, devoted Dad of Jackie, Jack and Charley, cherished Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire crematorium on Thursday 10th May at 1:45pm, family flowers only please by request donations if desired for the Dogs Trust.
All friends are welcome to attend, if possible to wear brown boots or shoes. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

### WILKIE ALMA LILY

**On 27th April 2018**
**Peacefully in Hospital aged 73 years.**

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Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service
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### DEAN EDIE

**22nd April 2018**
**Peacefully at Cambridge Court Care Home**
**Aged 96 years**

Reunited with her much loved Husband Arthur. Loving Mum of Pam and Mother-in-law of Dave. Devoted Nin of Chris, dear Sister of Peggy. Edie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service at Christ Church, Waterloo on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 12.30pm followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Christ Church or The Salvation Army c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE.
Tel 0151 924 4905.

## PRAYERS

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

**P.C.**

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**For full information about the position and a job pack, please e mail the school (stmonicasprimaryschool@gmail.com). You will be sent the person specification, job description and the CES application for you to complete.**

Completed CES application forms, in hard copy only should be returned by 12.00 noon on Friday 11th May 2018. Please send directly to Carole Mathias at the address stated above.
There will be an opportunity to visit the school at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th May 2018. This is the only time and date available for visits to the school.

St Monica's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding, to promoting the welfare of children and adhering to the Equality Act 2010. To comply with the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 all prospective employees will be required to supply evidence of eligibility to work in the UK.

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| Shortlisting date: | Monday 14th May 2018 |
| Interviews: | Monday 21st May 2018 |

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**West Lancashire Borough Council**
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15**

**APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

2018/0095/FUL Proposed new stable block at Dingle Heyes Farm House, Plough Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0301/FUL Demolition of a derelict outbuilding, to be replaced with a new dwelling, using similar form and materials at Feltons Farm, 30 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0302/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of a derelict outbuilding, to be replaced with a new dwelling, using similar form and materials at Feltons Farm, 30 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
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2018/0339/COU Change of use of barns to a two storey dwelling including external alterations. Re-grading of ground levels to east of the barn and installation of solar panels to hay barn at Barn East Of, Lower House Farm, Lees Lane, Dalton.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0340/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use of barns to a two storey dwelling including internal and external alterations. Construction of new first floor at Barn East Of, Lower House Farm, Lees Lane, Dalton.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0374/FUL Glasshouse, reservoir and new vehicular access track at Land Adjacent To 407, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.
2018/0401/OUT Outline - Seven detached dwelling houses, associated landscaping and access road following the demolition of the existing buildings including details of access, layout and scale at 67 Gaw Hill Lane, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2018/0409/FUL Installation and operation of a solar installation and associated infrastructure at Land To The East Of Lords Cottage, Hall Lane, Lathom, And Pilkington Technology Centre, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2018/0413/FUL Conversion of existing garage into ancillary accomodation at 1 Blairgowrie Gardens, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated:2nd May 2018
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**Licensing Act 2003**
**Notice of application for a new application of premises licence**

We Boozed up of 61 Lancaster Crescent, Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 8DJ have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for new premises licence the following has been applied for:
Hours of operation 12pm - 6am and to add the following licensable activities retail of alcohol.
The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can also be obtained from the Councils website www.weatlancs.gov.uk/licensing.
Any 'interested party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before 24th May 2018.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

**Notice of Application for Variation of Premises License**

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The proposed variation is to change the licensed hours to 10.00-02.00 (Monday-Sunday), to have respective open hours to be 10.00-02.30 (Monday-Sunday) and to include the provision of alcohol, live music, recorded music, performances of dance.
The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Councils website www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing.
Any 'interested party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before 28th May 2018.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

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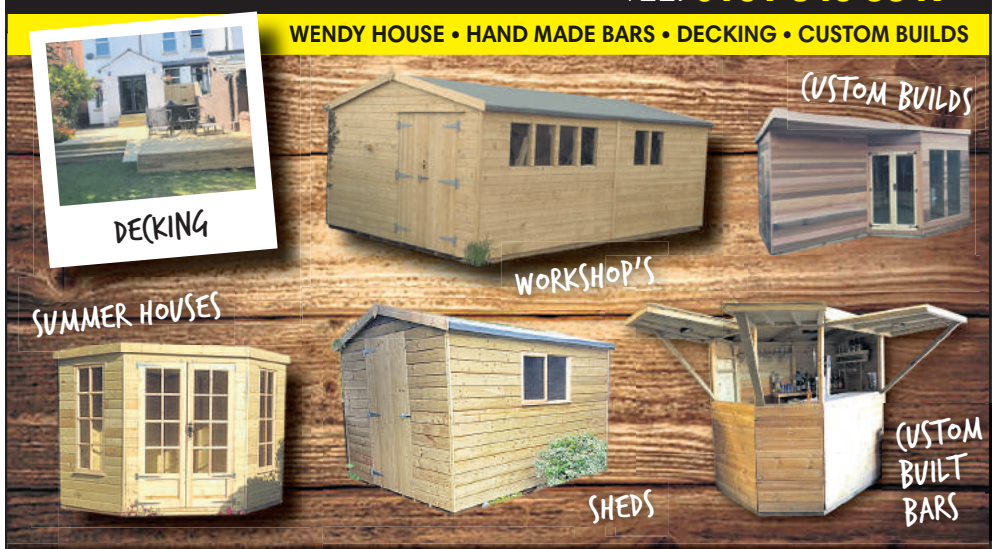


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But one thing you definitely can't do – at least in the eyes of Hertfordshire Constabulary, anyway – is to show off its impossibly smug autonomous driving mode. You might have seen in the news that Bhavesh Patel has been banned from driving, because he decided to let his Model S have a go. Not on a private test track, but on the M1, while he was in the passenger seat.

The last thing I'd want to do is condone Mr Patel driving like a berk (or not at all), but what the incident does prove is just how much of a tightrope Britain's powers-that-be and the world's motoring giants are treading when it comes to autonomous driving. Tesla's tech, weirdly, I think I'd have trusted with a not terribly interesting stretch of motorway, but would I have had an ounce of faith in the chap in the rented Insignia inevitably 200 yards up front in the middle lane? Not a chance.

I've said before that while I love driving, and will be a broken man if my right to enjoy it at the helm of an early MX-5 on a Welsh mountain road is ever taken away from me, there are plenty of occasions when in a distant future I'd happily retreat to a Tesla's rear quarters.

My current commute, for instance, is one long, straight flat road that has no overtaking opportunities and a lorry on it that's inevitably doing 39mph – that's an hour a day where I could be learning Italian or writing poetry while Elon Musk's electronics strut their stuff.

I know that I wrote in this very column 18 months ago about a self-driving Tesla that was involved in an accident, but technology improves and gets ever safer. It sounds wonderful – but Britain would have to go autonomous in one huge, legally-binding lunge if it was to ever embrace it properly.

Until then the road will be an unhappy mix of diehard traditionalists (that'd be me, then), the vast majority of people who'd love to have their cars do all the hard work but aren't legally allowed to, and the dimwits in between, who are too busy cutting people up in their rented Insignias to care.

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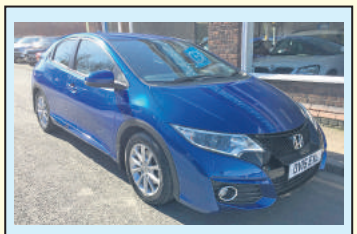

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# Skem end season with draw against ten-man Clitheroe

Clitheroe 2
Skelmersdale United 2

**SKELMERSDALE United finished second to bottom in the Evo-Stik Division One North after picking up a draw in their last game of the season.**

**It was Skelmersdale who took the lead. Bakkor controlled well and slipped the ball to Liam Davies, the older brother of Everton star Tom, who put a shot across home goalkeeper Chris Thompson into the far corner.**

**There was a talking point in the 37th minute when the hosts were reduced to ten men.**

**Clitheroe midfielder Joe Mitchell and Skelmersdale left-back Jack Fleming clashed before the defender went down holding his face. Referee Matt Scholes brandished his red card at Mitchell.**

**The incident may well broken Skelmersdale's concentration as two minutes later Clitheroe equalised, a loose back pass went straight to Dent and from an angle he steered the ball past Cheetham from about ten yards to make it 1-1.**

**Clitheroe came out sharply in the second half and they took the lead in the 59th minute.**

**Willoughby got into space on the right and ran at Fleming, he put in a cross to the near-post, where Dent met the ball with a diving header to make it 2-1.**

**Skelmersdale then had more of the play, Thompson made a double save and Bakkor put a shot wide.**

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# Linnets climb out of drop zone after vital derby win

Bootle 1
Burscough 2

**BURSCOUGH clinched a huge three points to climb out of the relegation zone and give them a fighting chance of survival, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

On Monday evening Burscough travelled to play fifth placed Bootle, probably more in hope than expectation.

They returned home with a surprise but extremely valuable victory.

An exciting first-half saw both teams come close to scoring, Kevin Edgar of Bootle and Chad Whyte of Burscough twice going near, but the scoreline remained blank at the interval.

Burscough started the second-half well, but it was Bootle that took the lead in the 57th minute, Daniel Murphy scoring at the far post after a corner.

The Linnets bounced back quickly. In the 62nd minute they won a corner on the left that was driven to the heart of the penalty area.

Whyte got his head on the end of it and scored from the edge of the six yard box.

The game became closely fought and both teams threatened to score.

14 minutes from the end Terry Cummings got free behind the Bootle defence and fired the ball into the net to give Burscough a 2-1 lead.

Bootle pressed and hit the woodwork on one occasion, but the Linnets bravely held on to capture three priceless points.

The victory takes Dave Sutton's team out of the relegation zone. Burscough have 41 points from 40 games.

Burscough have four away games left, 1874 Northwich on Thursday, May 3, Winsford United on Saturday, May 5 and Squires Gate away on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7, plus an away game at Ashton Athletic that has still to be arranged.

Terry Cummings scores the winner for Burscough. Picture by Paul Moran

| # | Team | Pl | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17. | Padiham | 39 | 50 |
| 18. | Abbey Hey | 42 | 42 |
| 19. | Burscough | 40 | 41 |
| 20. | AFC Liverpool | 41 | 39 |
| 21. | Maine Rd | 42 | 37 |
| 22. | Barnton | 41 | 16 |
| 23. | AFC Darwen | 40 | 16 |

**Burscough have now climbed to 19th in the table after their win against Bootle. At the end of the season the bottom four teams will be relegated**

# Ormskirk pay for poor start in eight wicket defeat to Formby

**ORMSKIRK suffered a shock eight wicket defeat at Formby on Saturday.**

**The decision by the reigning Liverpol Competition premier Division champions to bat first looked misplaced from the start as Andy Baybutt edged a superb first ball of the match behind off Ben Aitchison.**

**And 0-1 soon became 25-5 as wickets tumbled at both ends.**

**Only Josh Bohannon 46, Ryan Maddock 17 and last man Josh Thompson 11 reached double figures, as miserly spells from Sabbir Patel 3-21, Ollie Sutton 2-12, Karl Brown 2-13 and Stephen Parry 2-15 helped dismiss Ormskirk for 94.**

**In reply, an unbeaten run a ball 48* from Formby skipper James Seward and an unbeaten 28* from Lancashire's Brown took the hosts to victory on 95-2.**

**Northern made it two wins out of two with a 125 run home win against Highfield, after electing to bat the hosts declared their innings on 187-9, thanks to runs from Chris Brownlow 35, Tom Jones 31 and Justin Snow 26, whilst Darshan Misal took 5-65. In reply, visiting skipper James Taylor top scored with 20 as his team were rolled over for just 66, with Tom Sephton 3-10 and Liam Grey 3-31 on form with the ball.**

**Bootle's home fixture against Leigh was thwarted by the weather, the hosts posted 167-7 dec, with Will Hale 49, Danny Davies 40 and Neil Williams 25 all scoring valuable runs, with Toby Bulcock taking 3-64. In reply, Leigh had reached 51-3 with Ross Zelem unbeaten on 24* when rain ended proceedings.**

# Burscough's batsmen halted in full swing after wet weather stops play

BURSCOUGH'S home Divison One fixture against Wigan was curtailed by the weather.

The visitors chose to bat and thanks to 55 from skipper Aaron Redmond and 46 from John Richardson were able to declare on 161-8, with Lee Berrie 5-50 and Jono Curtis 3-77 taking the wickets to fall. In reply, the hosts had reached 16-0 when play was ended by rain.

In the First Division, Southport & Birkdale got off to a winning start with a huge 109 run win at Prestatyn, S&B elected to bat and thanks to runs from Bradley Yates 43, Isaac Lea 42 and Harry May 37 were able to declare on 174-8, with Peter Cassidy taking 5-58. In reply, the hosts slipped from 43-0 to 65 all out, thanks to a superb spell of bowling from Andy Warhurst 6-14, Gary Keedy 2-7 and Angus Gailey 2-26.

Fleetwood Hesketh's match at Wavertree was another to fall foul of the weather, the visitors were asked to bat and after a good start slipped from 73-1 to 142 all out, with Neil Rimmer and skipper Scott Rimmer top scoring with 43 each, whilst Geeth Malinda hit 22. In reply, the hosts were 52-3 when rain ruined the day.

Skelmersdale's Division two match at Northop Hall was another ruined by the weather, the hosts put 178-7 dec up on the board, with James Hurlin 52, Michael Griffiths 46 and skipper Dave Kennedy 30* in good touch with the bat, whilst Matthew Fenney took 3-35 with the ball. In reply, the visitors had reached 54-3 when play was abandoned with skipper Liam Crilly unbeaten on 30*.


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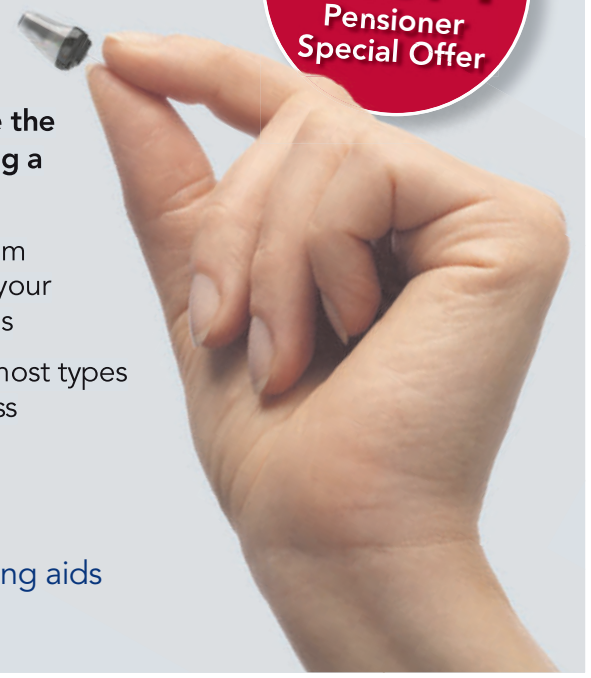

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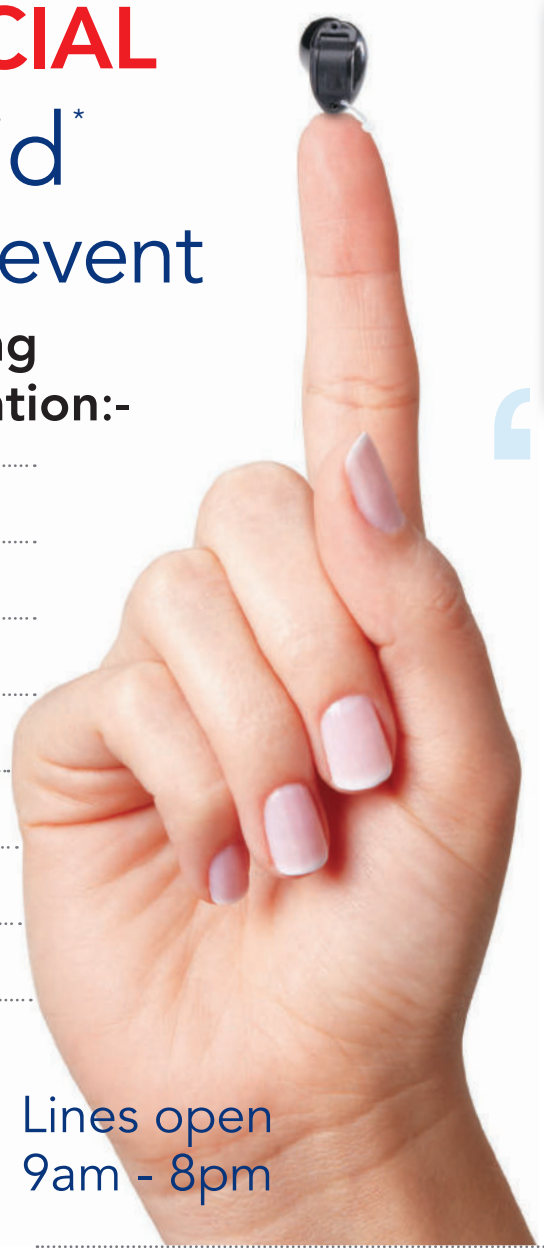

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